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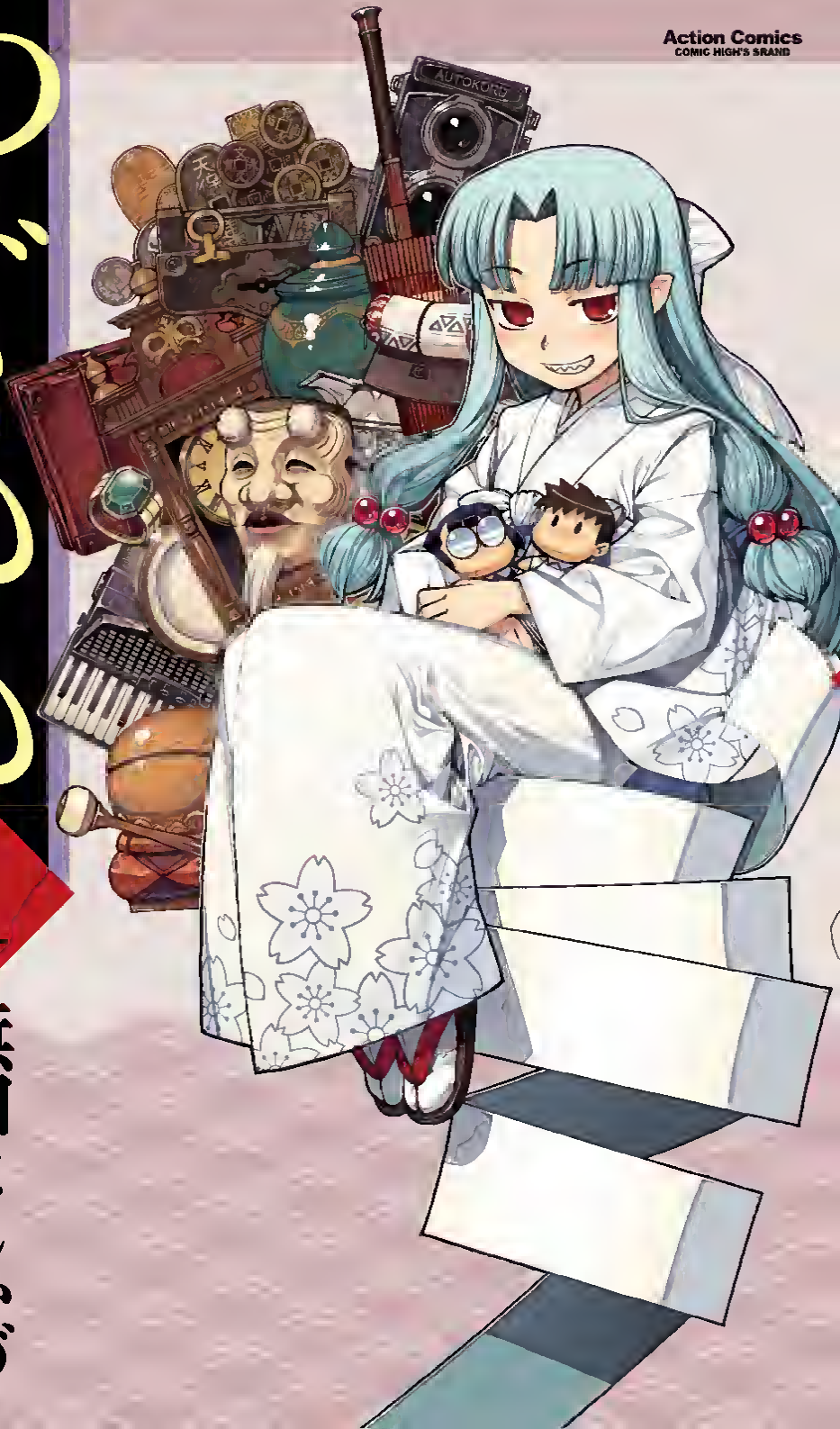

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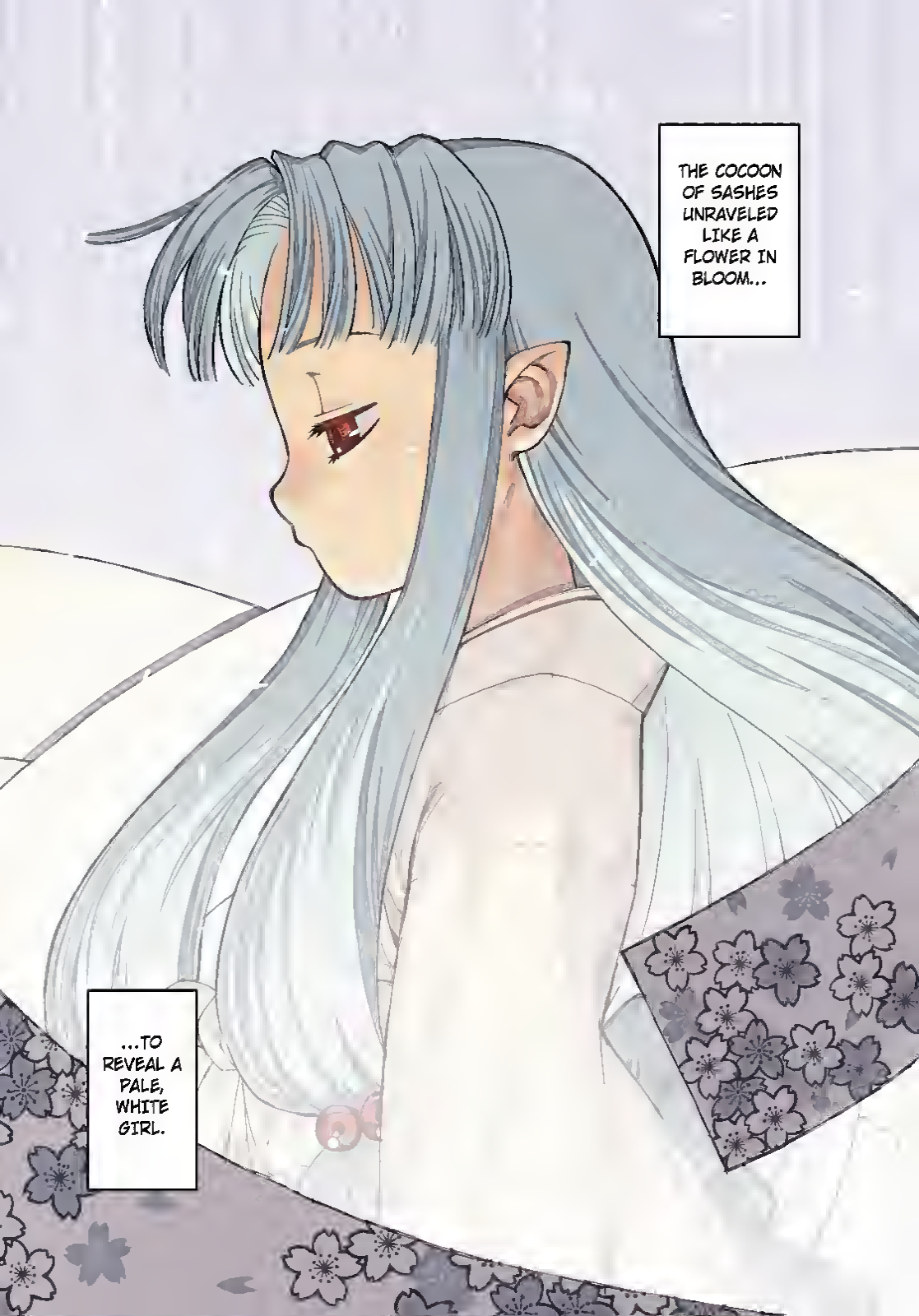
THE COCOON OF SASHES UNRAVELED LIKE A FLOWER IN BLOOM...
...TO REVEAL A PALE, WHITE GIRL.

A DEMON? A FAIRY? I HAD NO IDEA.
-AND YET...
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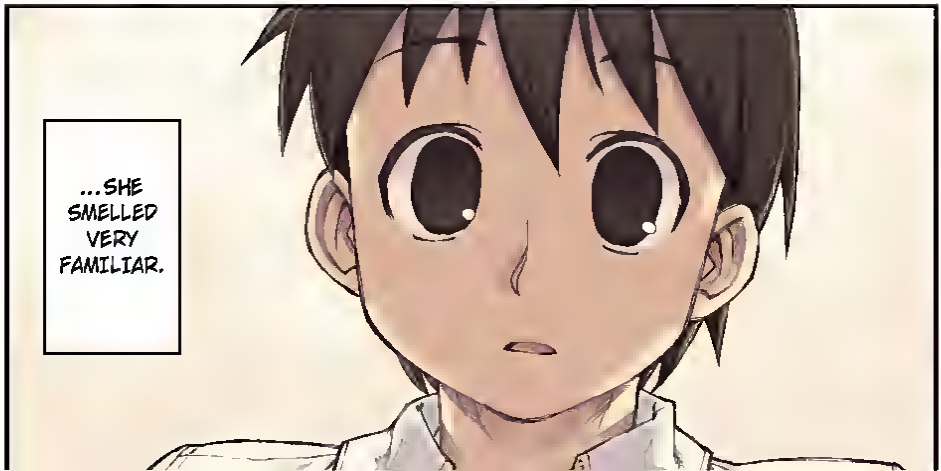
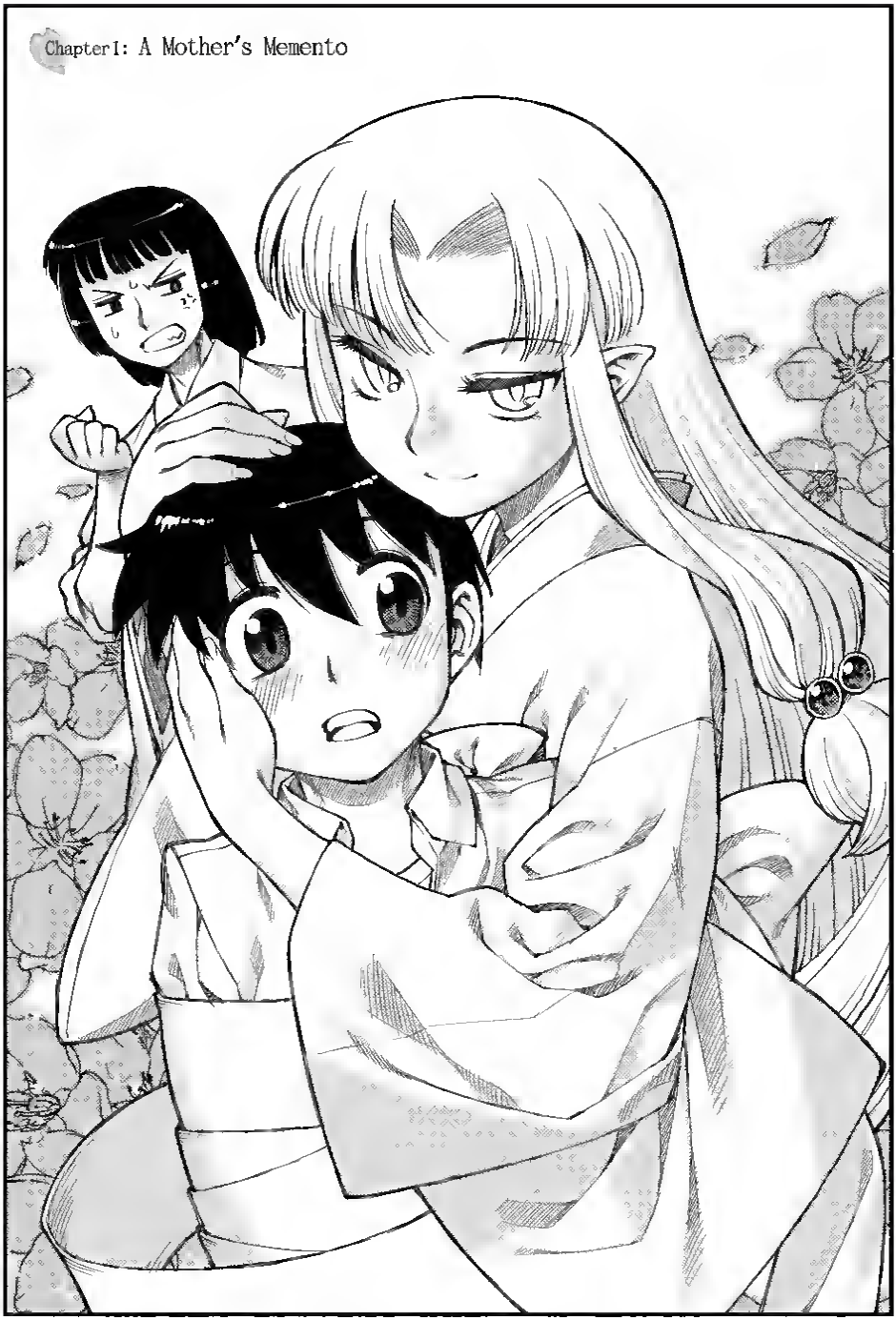

...SHE SMELLED VERY FAMILIAR.

Chapter 1: A Mother's Memento

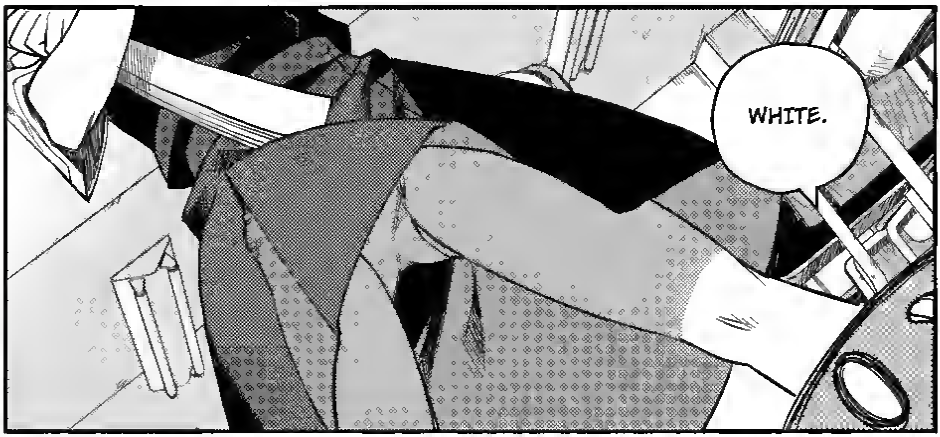


HUH...
WHERE AM I?
HUH ?
THIS IS WHERE WE PART WAYS?
DON'T LEAVE ME!!
I DON'T WANNA!!

FWAP
がばっ
DON'T LEAVE ME!!!
ペ
PAT
た

SLAP SLAP SLAP
スパパパン
SPLAT
ふしゅうう
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING, YOU PERV!!!?
I WAS GOING TO WAKE YOU UP SINCE YOU WERE TOSSING AND TURNING, BUT THEN YOU SUDDENLY
GRA—
GRA—
GRABBED MY BOOBS, YOU DIRTY BASTARD!
KAMIOKA EAST MIDDLE SCHOOL
CLASS 2-2
CLASS REPRESENTATIVE
CHISATO CHIKAISHI

I WAS GOING TO WAKE YOU UP WITH THIS PAPER FAN!
...WHAT ARE YOU STARING AT?
STARE
ALSO IN CLASS 2-2
KAZUYA KAGAMI
WAKE ME UP?
YOU WERE GONNA WHACK ME WITH THAT PAPER FAN WHILE I WAS SLEEPING
...!


WHITE.

NOOOO!
THAT'S AW-FUL!
GAH!
SLAM SLAM
グシャアッ

ONCE SHE GETS STARTED, SHE'LL KEEP GOING FOR AT LEAST AN HOUR.
HAHA, POOR GUY.
OSAMU OSANAI
SHIRO SHIRAMINE
THUD THUD
ドン ドカ
FIRST YOU GROPE YOUR CLASSMATE'S BREASTS, THEN YOU PEEK UNDER HER SKIRT FROM BELOW! HAVE YOU NO SHAME!? GET ON YOUR KNEES SO I CAN TEACH YOU HOW A PROPER STUDENT IS SUPPOSED TO BEHAVE!
OW!
OW, OW!
KICK KICK
ゲシゲシ
A ONE-ON-ONE SESSION WITH A CLASS REPRESENTATIVE WHO FULFILLS SUCH FETISHES AS BRAID, GLASSES, AND CHILDHOOD FRIEND...
THAT WOULD BE CONSIDERED A REWARD IN OUR INDUSTRY!
WHAT INDUSTRY?
EH?
POOR GUY? YOU ARE TERRIBLY MISTAKEN.
TRUE BEAUTY CAN ONLY BE FOUND IN THE 2D WORLD.
WELL, I'D LOVE TO BE SCOLDED BY SOMEONE LIKE MISA, ONE OF THE TOP FOUR BEAUTIES AT THIS SCHOOL.

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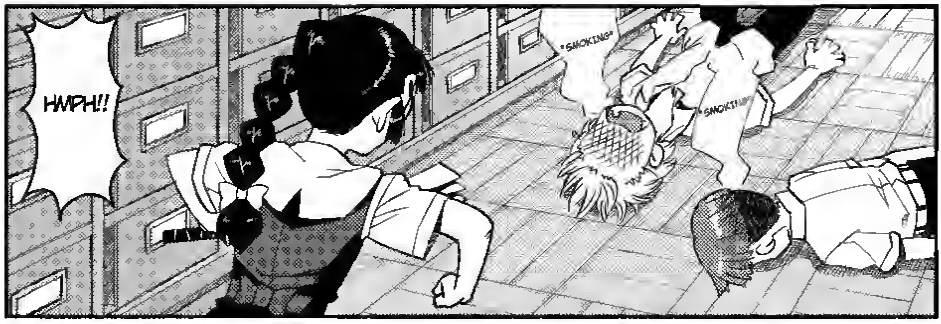
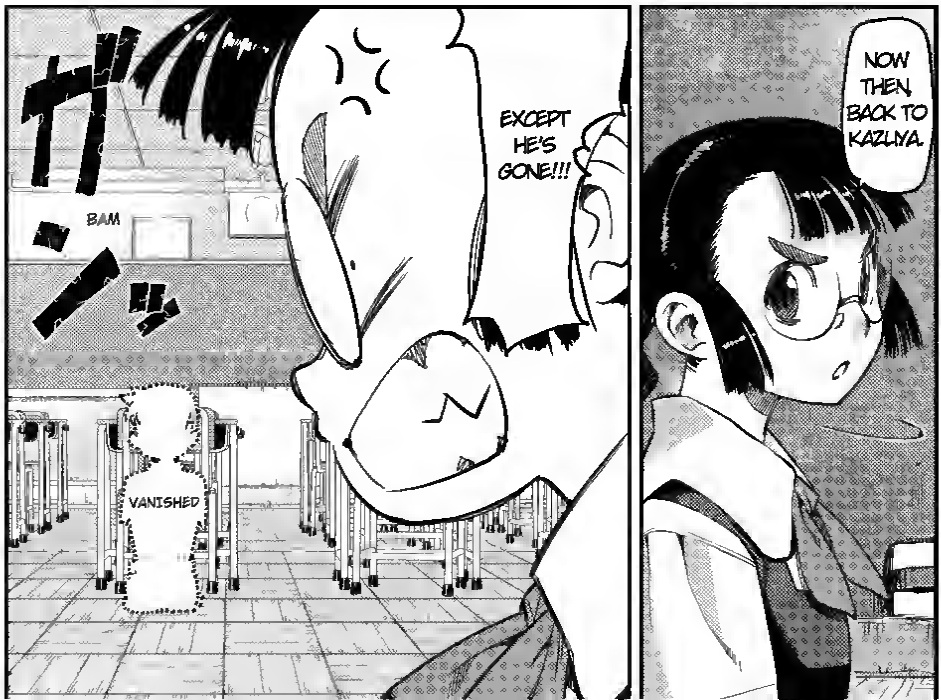
I CAN HEAR YOU.
NO, A FLAT CHEST HOLDS MORE VALUE IN OUR INDUSTRY...
IF THE CLASS REP WAS A LITTLE MORE TOP HEAVY, SHE MIGHT CRACK THE TOP 32.


HMPH!!
SMOKING
SMOKING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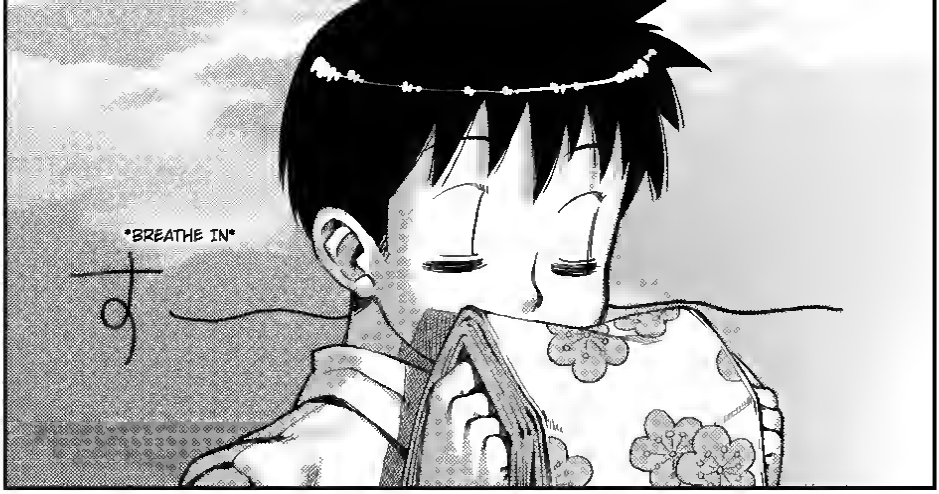
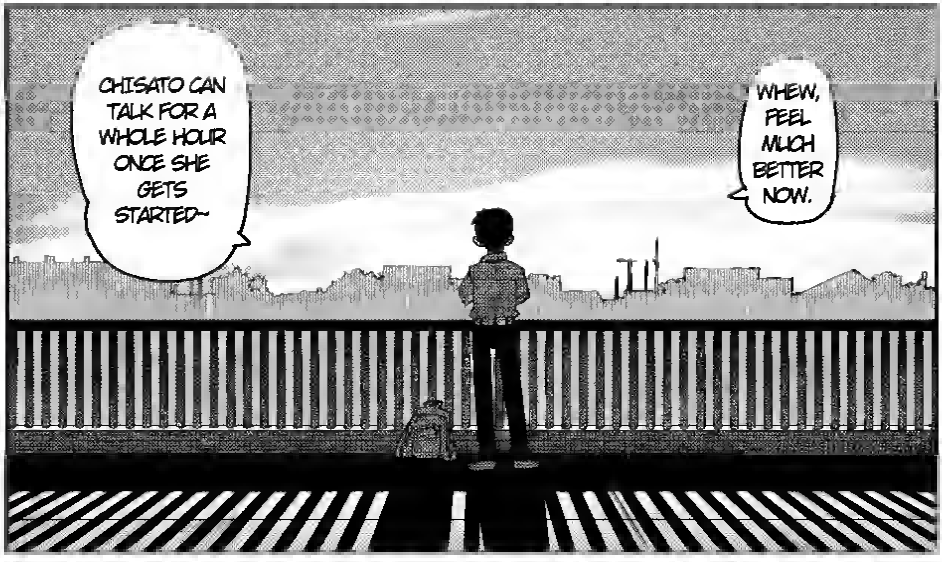
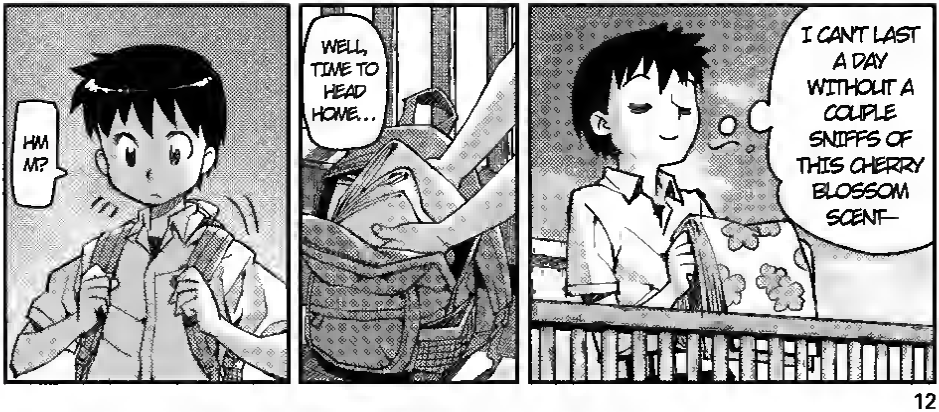
BAM
VANISHED
EXCEPT HE'S GONE!!!
NOW THEN, BACK TO KAZUYA.


BREATHE IN


CHISATO CAN TALK FOR A WHOLE HOUR ONCE SHE GETS STARTED~
WHEW, FEEL MUCH BETTER NOW.


HM M?
WELL, TIME TO HEAD HOME...
I CAN'T LAST A DAY WITHOUT A COUPLE SNIFFS OF THIS CHERRY BLOSSOM SCENT—

DON
そん・
...WHAT IS THIS?

AVOID
DID SOMEONE DROP IT HERE?
GROSS!

HAIR? A WIG?

!!?
ARGHH

WHERE DID KAZUYA GO? I WAS PLANNING ON LECTURING HIM WHILE WE WALKED HOME TOGETHER.
GEEZ.
SLIP SLIP
ずぞぞっ
HELP-!!!
H-
STOP!
EEE EP!
SLIP SLIP
ずぞぞ

!?
チョチョチョ
CHOP CHOP CHOP

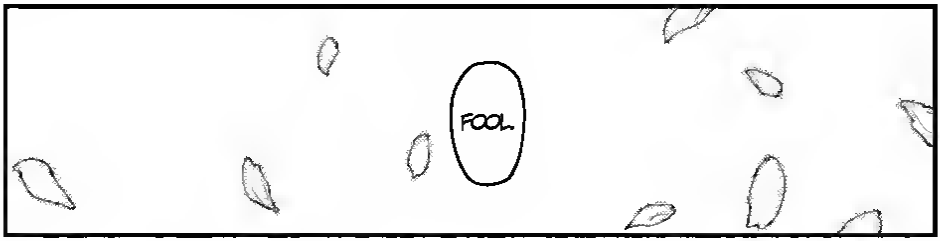
THERE!
ざしっ
SLASH

BEWARE, IT COMES!
BAM
だんっ
HUH? WHO WAS THAT...

A CREATURE OF HAIR..
WHAT IS THAT? THE HELL IS THAT!?
CLATTER
ガッシャ

THUD
THWUCK
ER ...
WHAT ?
I'M FALL ING ...
ASPHALT ... BELOW ...

WELL.
I'M DEAD.


FOOL.

APPEARS
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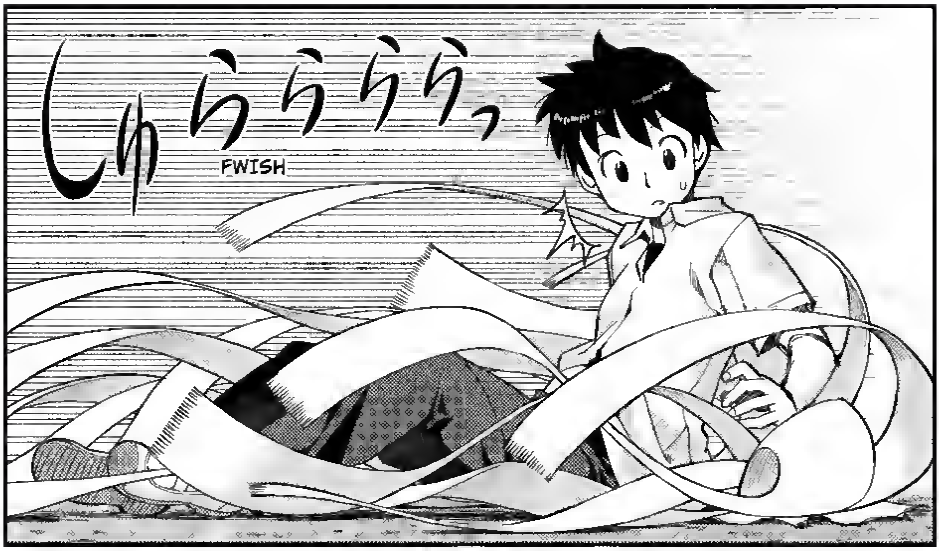
HA...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FWISH

SPIN
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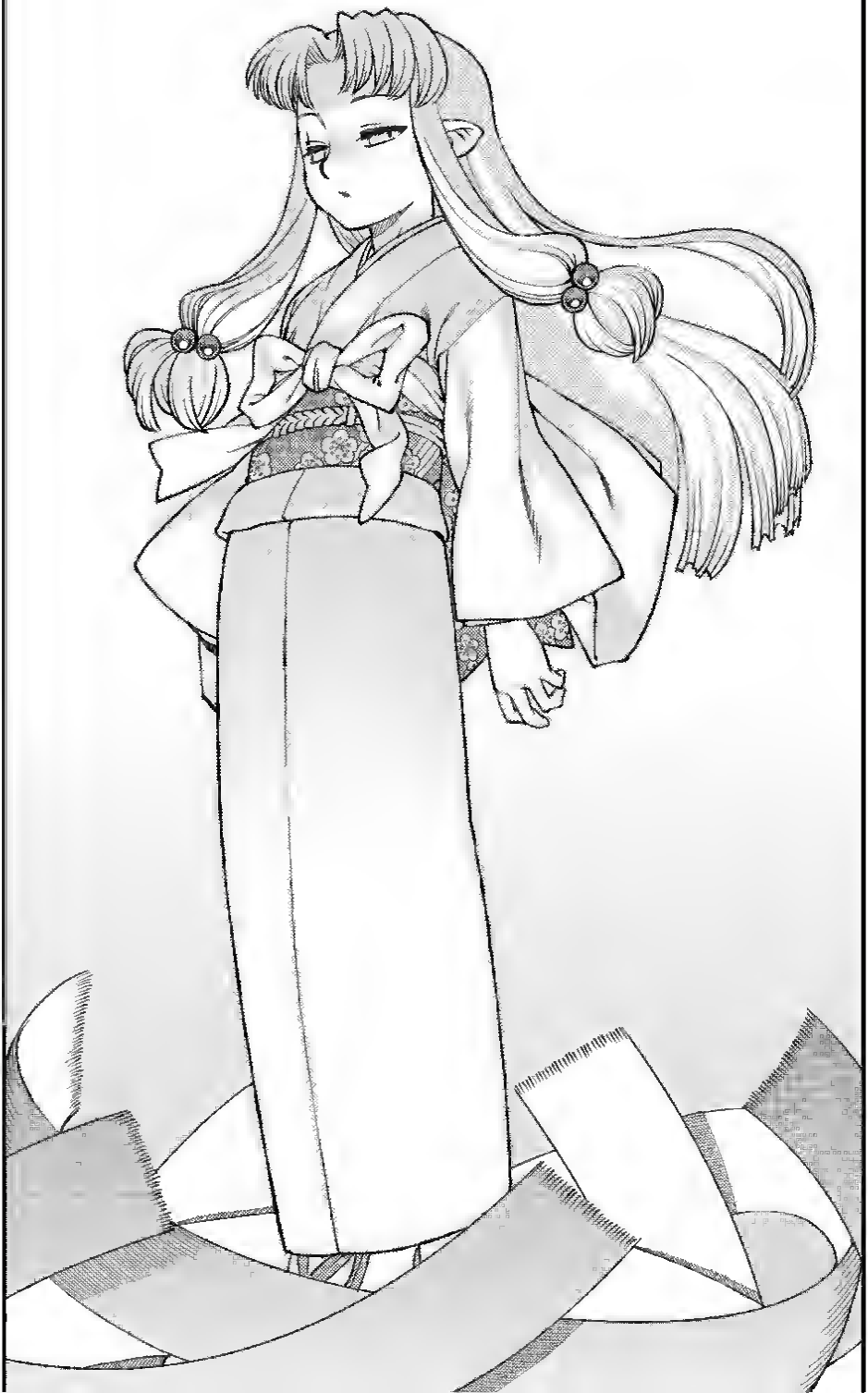
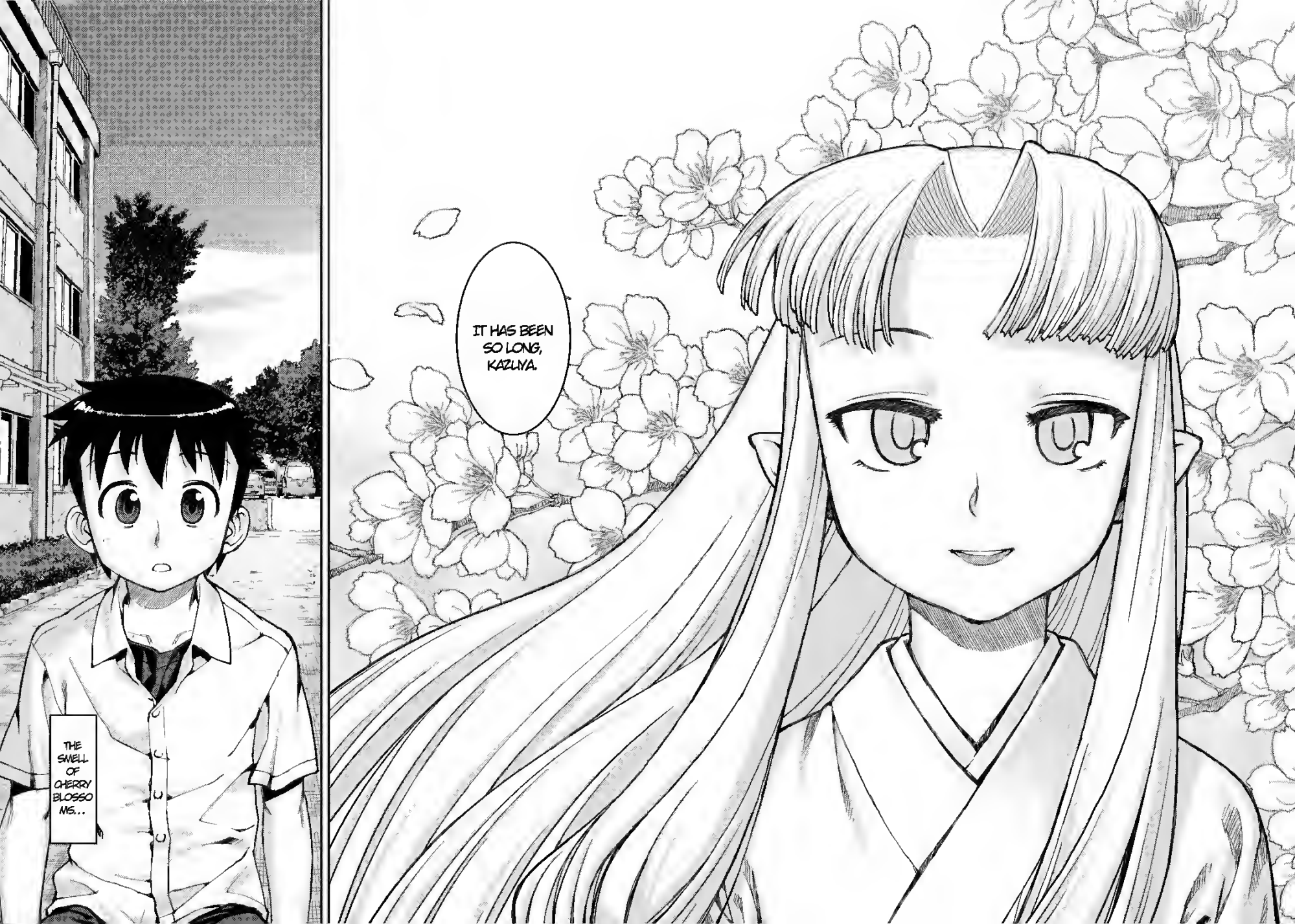
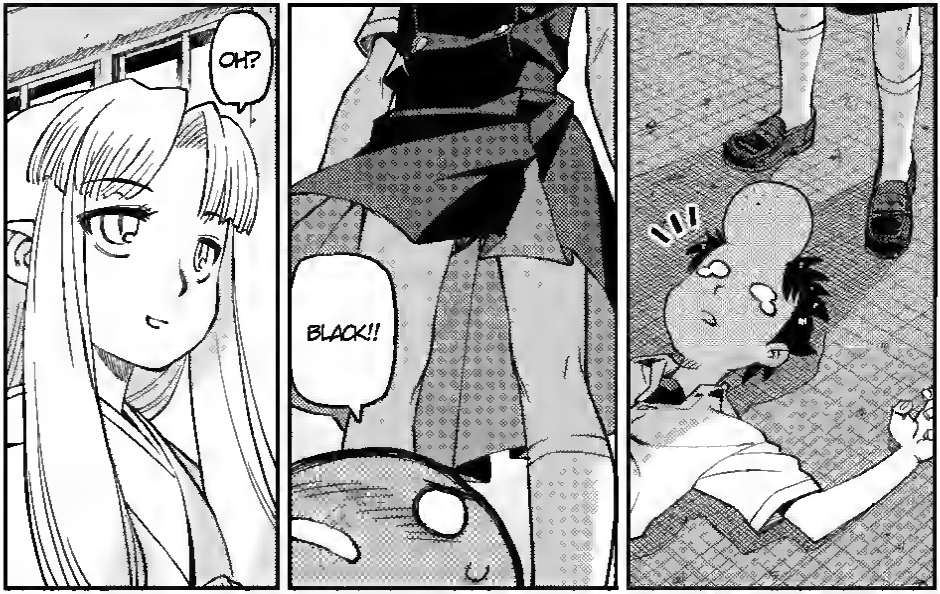


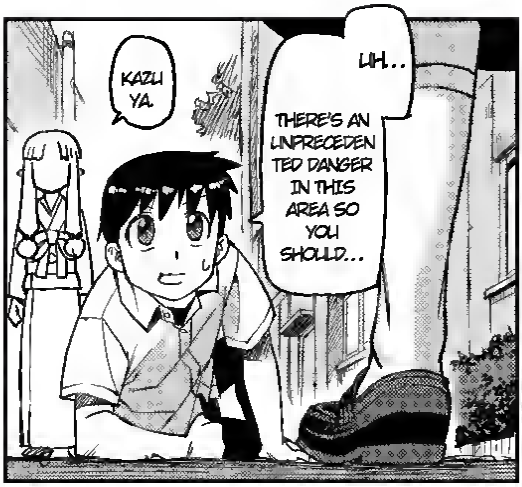

THE SMELL OF CHERRY BLOSSOMS...
IT HAS BEEN SO LONG, KAZUYA.

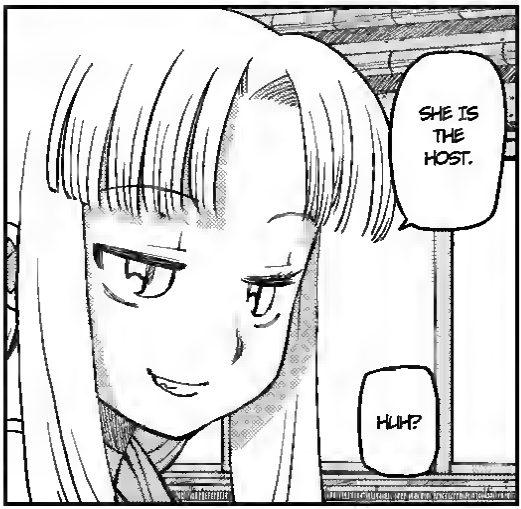
...WHO ARE YOU?
YOU?
YOU ...
...UNGRATEFUL WRETCH!!!
WHACK

HMP
H!
WHOOSH


OH?
BLACK!!

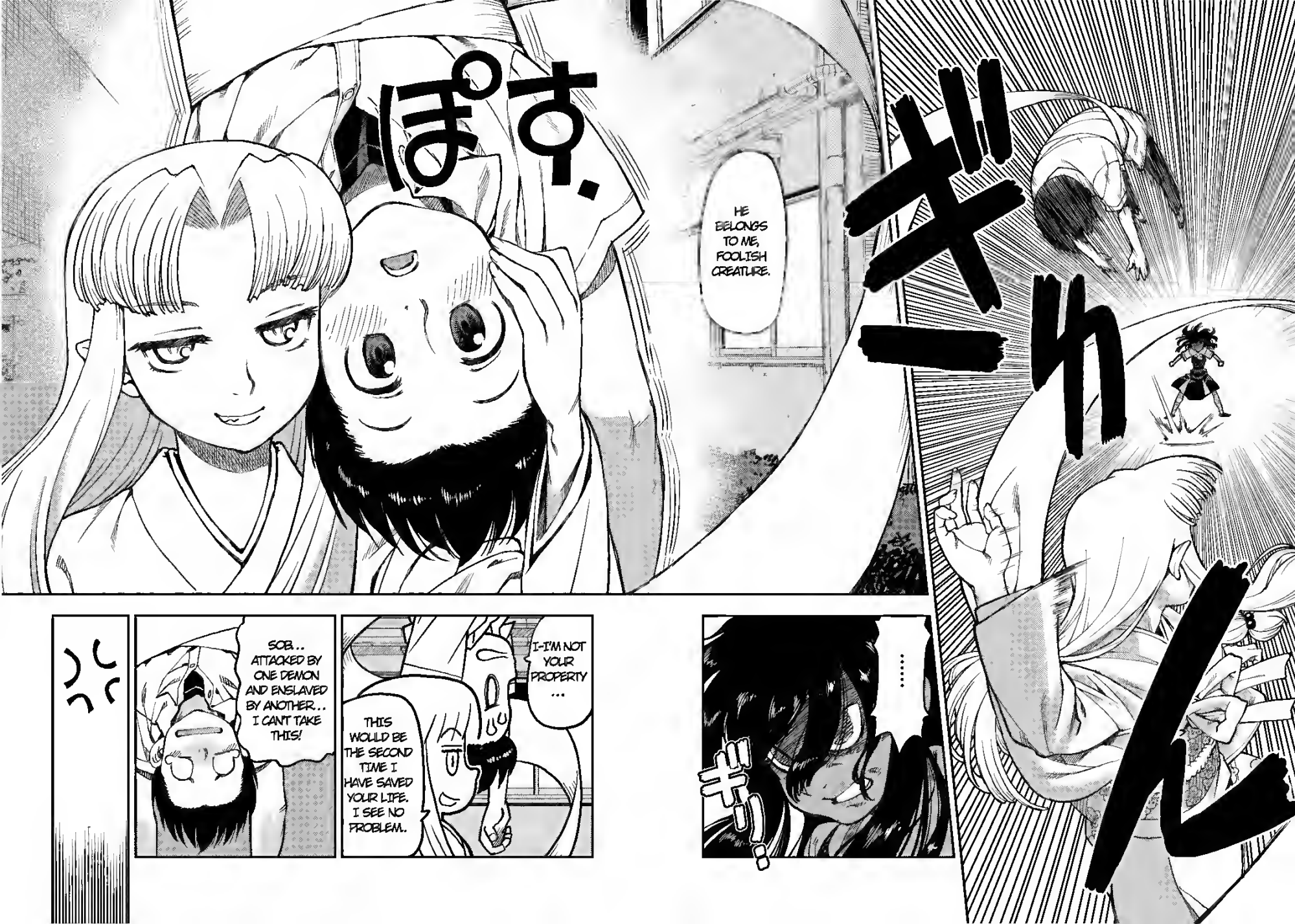
THERE YOU ARE.


KAZU YA
UH...
THERE'S AN UNPRECEDEN TED DANGER IN THIS AREA SO YOU SHOULD...


SHE IS THE HOST.
HUH?

SWISH

PSSHH
GYAAH!
AGAIN!?
FWOOSH
YOU SHOULD LEARN TO KEEP YOUR HANDS OFF OTHER PEOPLE'S PROPERTY.
SLIDE
FWUMP
WHOOSH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HE BELONGS TO ME, FOOLISH CREATURE.
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……
I-I'M NOT YOUR PROPERTY …
THIS WOULD BE THE SECOND TIME I HAVE SAVED YOUR LIFE. I SEE NO PROBLEM.
SOB.. ATTACKED BY ONE DEMON AND ENSLAVED BY ANOTHER.. I CANT TAKE THIS!
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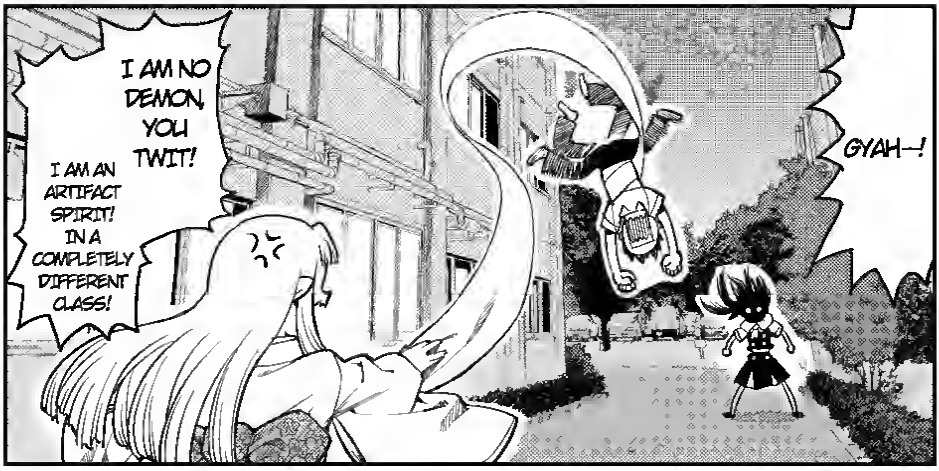
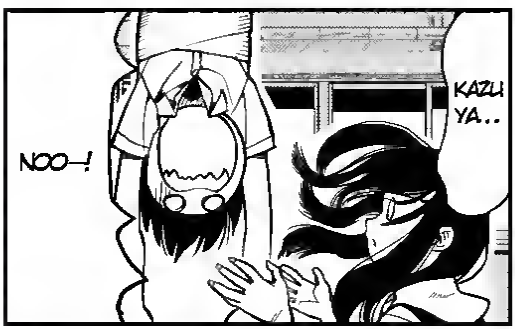
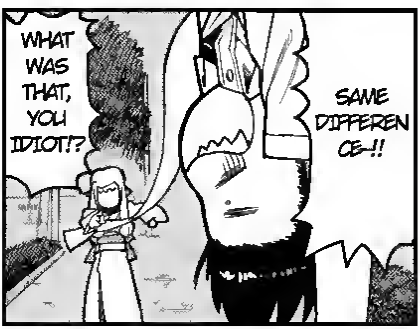

I AM NO DEMON, YOU TWIT!
I AM AN ARTIFACT SPIRIT! IN A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT CLASS!
GYAH--!


NOO--!
KAZUYA..


WHAT WAS THAT, YOU IDIOT!?
SAME DIFFERENCE-!!

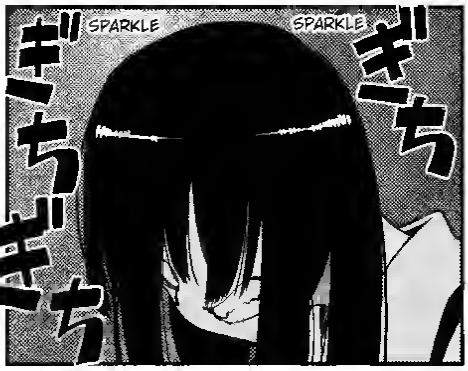
I'LL DO WHATEVER YOU WANT SO HELP!
FINE, FINE!

NOW CHOOSE, KAZUYA! BECOME MY SERVANT AND I WILL SAVE YOUR LIFE!!

CRASH!?
PHWOOSH
CONSIDER IT DONE!!
KAZUYA!!
WOOSH
PSSSH
I SHALL BE YOUR OPPONENT !!
LET GO
STUCK

ギちっ
PWOOSH
GRR ...
REALLY, YOU SHOULD NOT BE PLAYING WITH KAZUYA RIGHT NOW
WHOOSH ひゅん
ぐん
VSSH
SASH THRUST !!
-FOLLOWED BY...
WHOOM

ガアン
BOOM
SASH DROP!!
W-WOW!
OH!
BUT THAT DEMON IS A STUDENT AT OUR SCHOOL.
DON'T KILL HER!
YOU MAKE SO MUCH NOISE.
IT WOULD TAKE MUCH MORE TO KILL ONE WHO IS POSSESSED.


SPARKLE
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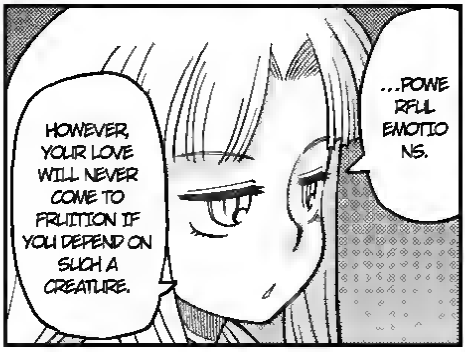
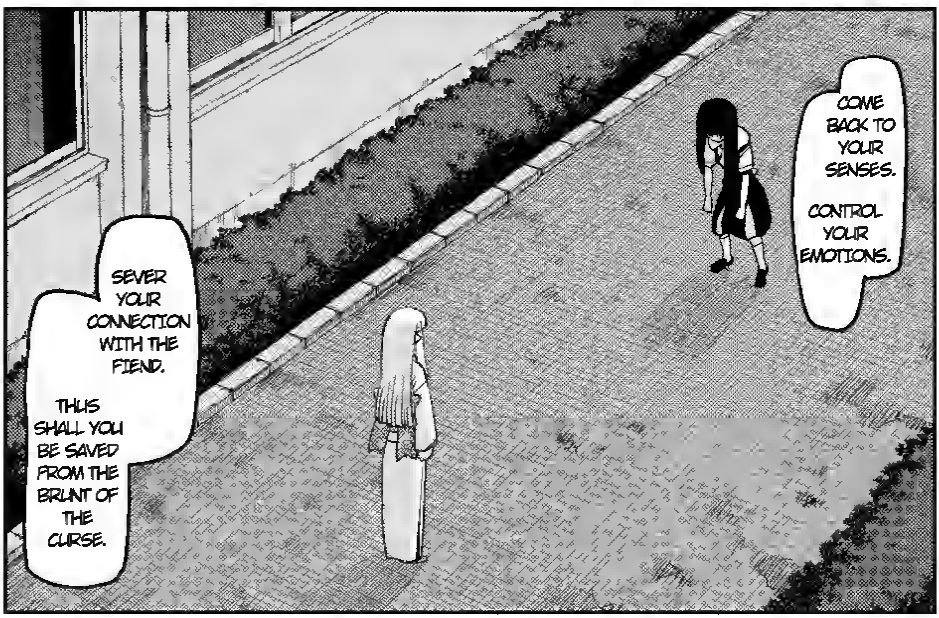
SHAKY
ゆら。
SEE?


...POWERFUL EMOTIONS.
HOWEVER, YOUR LOVE WILL NEVER COME TO FRUITION IF YOU DEPEND ON SUCH A CREATURE.


COME BACK TO YOUR SENSES.
CONTROL YOUR EMOTIONS.
SEVER YOUR CONNECTION WITH THE FIEND.
THUS SHALL YOU BE SAVED FROM THE BRUNT OF THE CURSE.

WELL.
THAT SETTLES IT.
AH!
AHHH!
AH!
AH!
FWWSSSHHHH
FWASH
I CANNOT DESTROY THE FIEND WITHOUT HARMING THE HOST.
WHOOSH
THE BLAME LIES NOT WITH ME.
!
FWIP
WHOOSH
IF I CAN NEVER HAVE HIM..

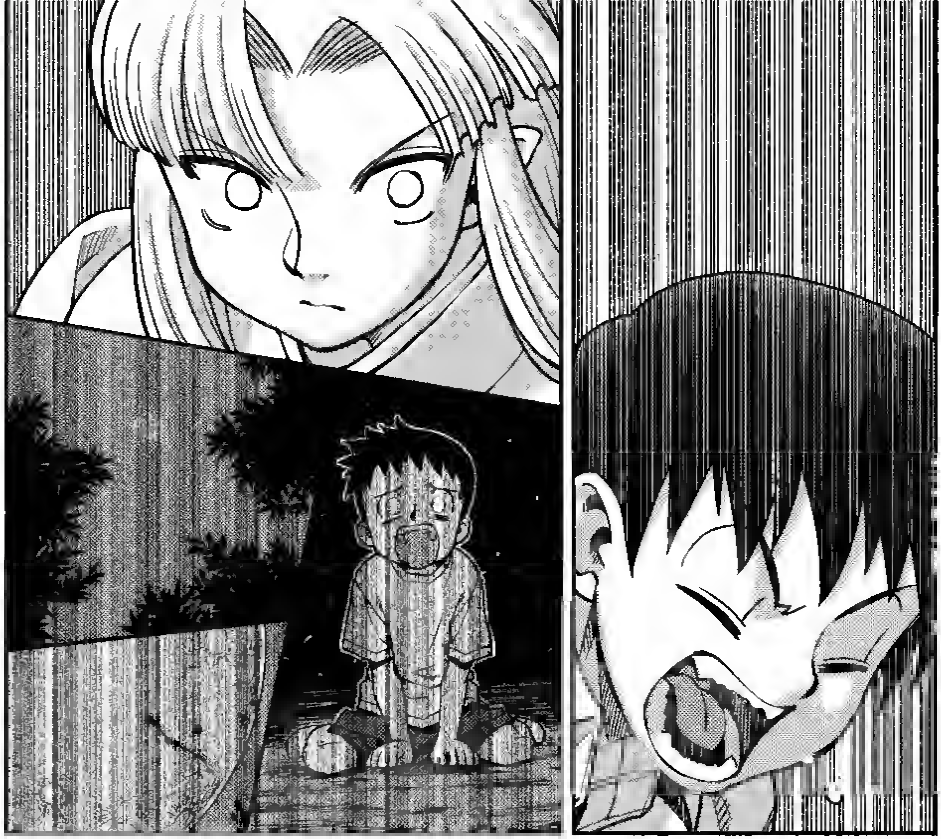
PWOOSH
I WILL DESTROY HIM!
SMACK WHACK

...?
!!!
BAM
A-ARE YOU OKAY!?
FWWP
HMPH. I SUFFERED NO CRITICAL INJURIES.
YOUR SAFETY IS OF GREATER CONCERN.
HUH?
OH...

MY ARM WAS SCRATCHED, BUT I'M OKAY.
...
...!!
ERM ...
NO MORE MERCY, YOU FOUL WORM!
SMASH

BAM
CLIT
GAHHHH!
TIGHTEN
FWOOSH

ぎゅあ
FWIP
SWOOSH
SWOOSH
I WILL DESTROY YOU WITH THE FIEND!!
WHOMP



FWUMP

..HMPH.

YOU SHOULD BE GRATEFUL TO KAZUYA.
HMM
SO THE DEMON WAS WEARING A WIG...
AND WHY DID SHE ATTACK ME?
EH?
B-BUT IT'S NICE TO KNOW THAT A GIRL CARES ABOUT ME...
HA HA
THE WIG WAS TRANSFORMED INTO A FIEND BY THE HOST'S FEELINGS FOR YOU.
YOU WOULD HAVE BEEN REPEATEDLY VIOLATED IF I HAD NOT SAVED YOU.
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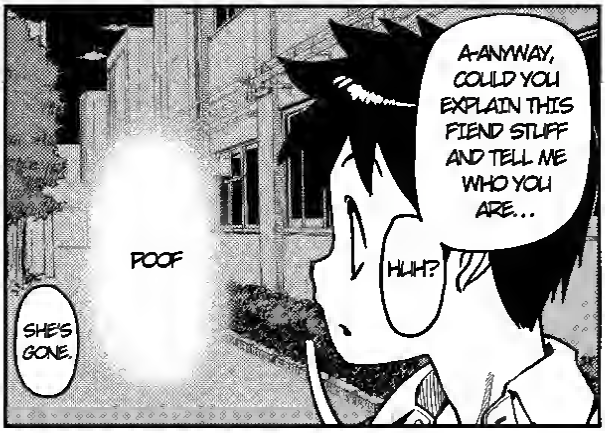
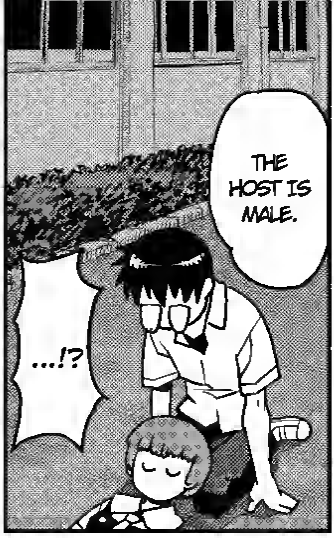
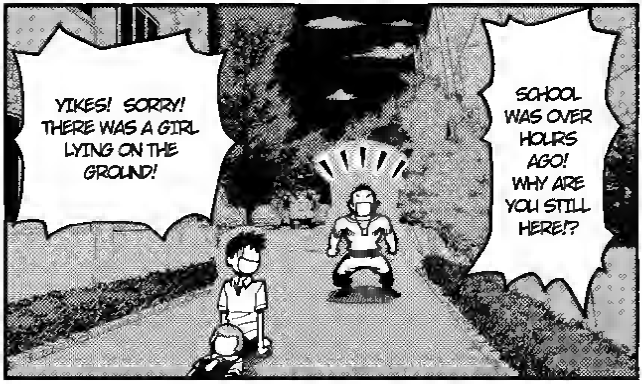
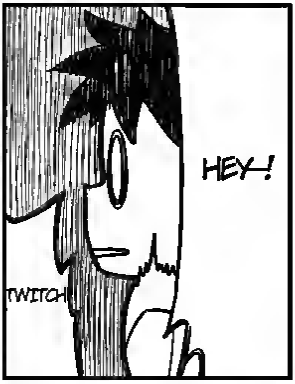
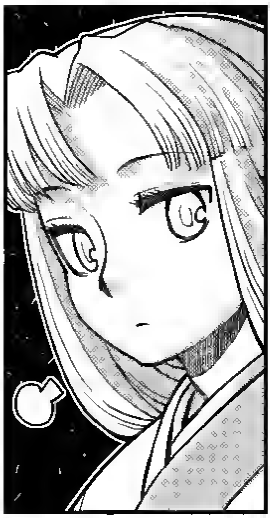
HAHH

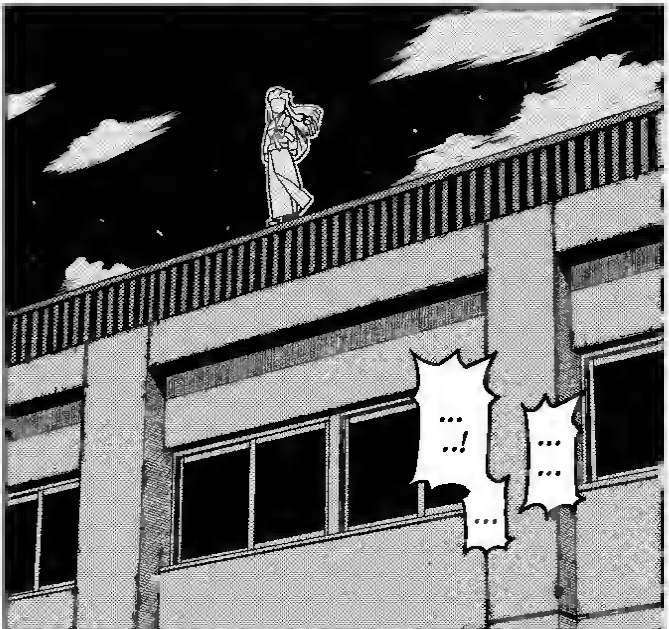

A-ANYWAY, COULD YOU EXPLAIN THIS FIEND STUFF AND TELL ME WHO YOU ARE...
HUH?
POOF
SHE'S GONE.


THE HOST IS MALE.
...!?


YIKES! SORRY! THERE WAS A GIRL LYING ON THE GROUND!
SCHOOL WAS OVER HOURS AGO! WHY ARE YOU STILL HERE!?


HEY-!
TWITCH

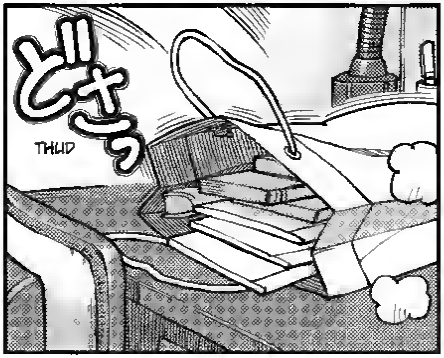



...
..!
...
...
...

I'M HOME—
WELCOME HOME, KAZ. THE BATH IS READY SO WE SHOULD TAKE ONE TOGETHER-
NO!!
I'M NOT A KID ANYMORE!

KER-CHAK
ガチャ

ぼふっ
WORN-OUT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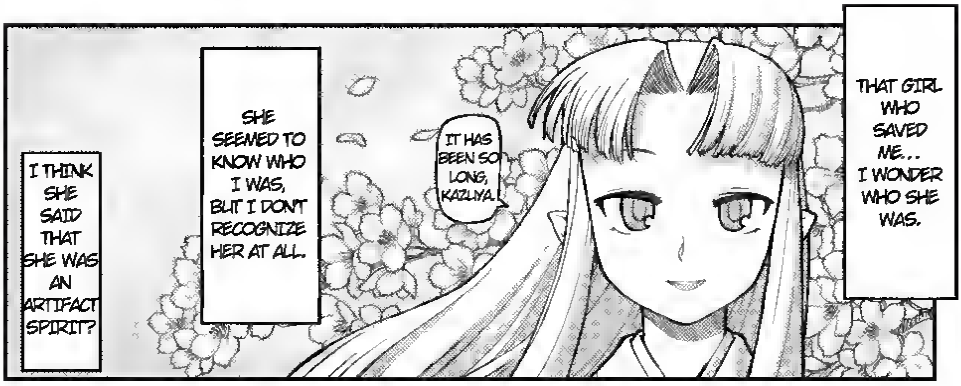
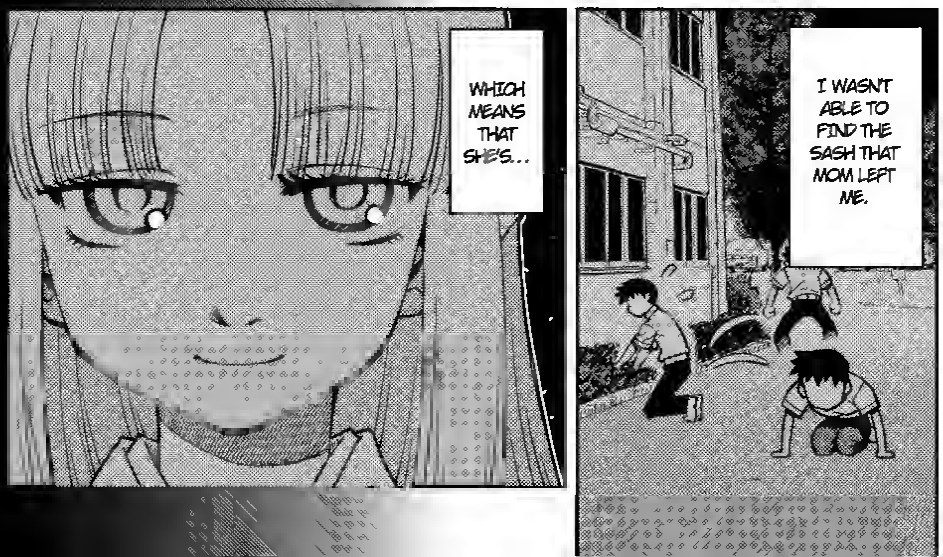
THUD

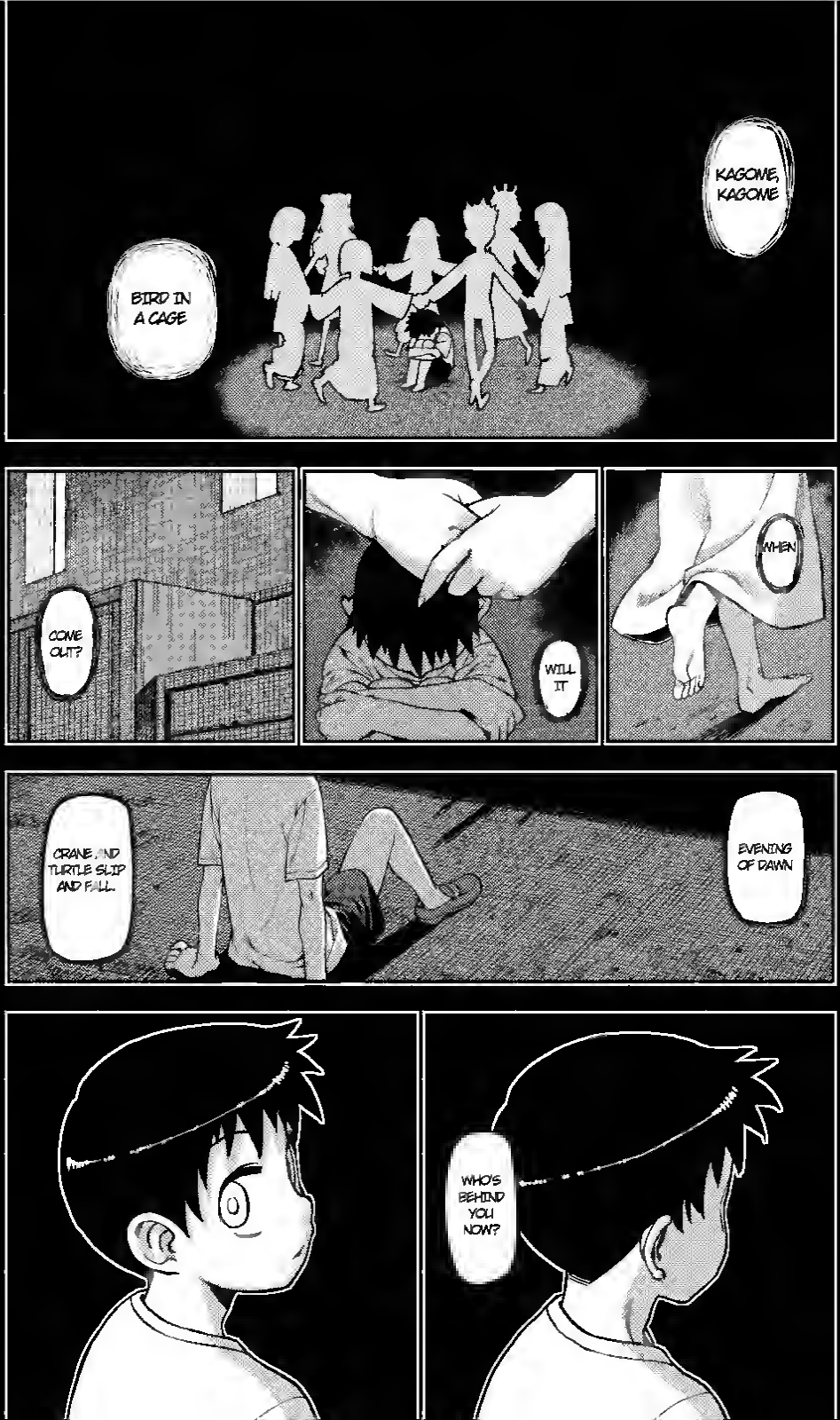
I STILL CANT REMEM BER


THAT GIRL WHO SAVED ME... I WONDER WHO SHE WAS.
IT HAS BEEN SO LONG, KAZUYA.
SHE SEEMED TO KNOW WHO I WAS, BUT I DON'T RECOGNIZE HER AT ALL.
I THINK SHE SAID THAT SHE WAS AN ARTIFACT SPIRIT?

AN ARTIFACT SPIRIT IS BORN WHEN AN OBJECT, AFTER MANY YEARS, IS POSSESSED BY A SOUL OR SPIRIT AND TRANSFORMED INTO A DEMON.
SO SHE IS A DEMON.
はっ AH
WHEN I FELL FROM THE ROOF, EVERYTHING FELL OUT OF MY BAG.

BOOK LANGUAGE DICTIONARY

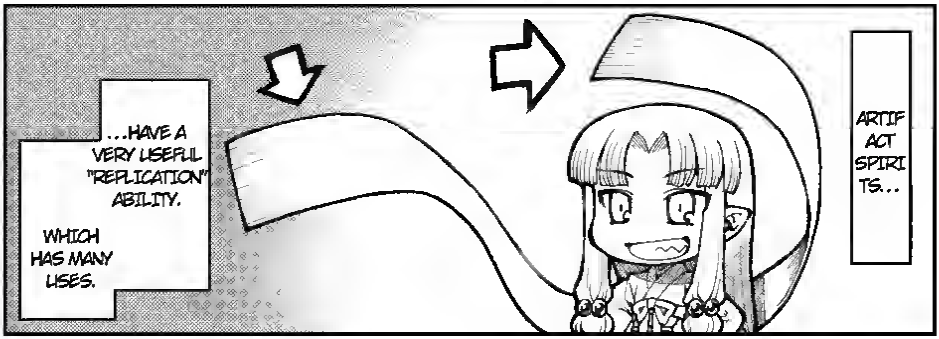


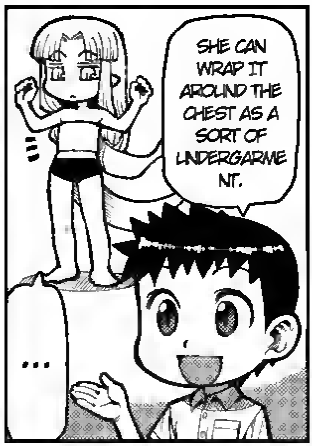

KAGOME, KAGOME
BIRD IN A CAGE
COME OUT?
WILL IT
WHEN
EVENING OF DAWN
CRANE AND TURTLE SLIP AND FALL...
WHO'S BEHIND YOU NOW?

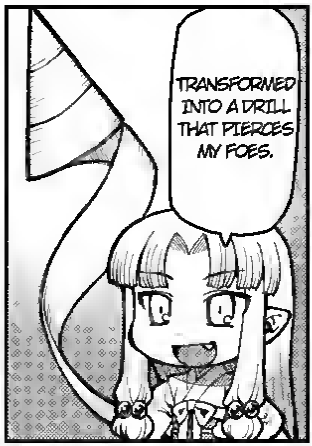
ばっ
JOLT
AHH!!!
A DREAM...
PANT
PANT
PANT
PANT
?
SCHLOOP
がばっ
FWAP

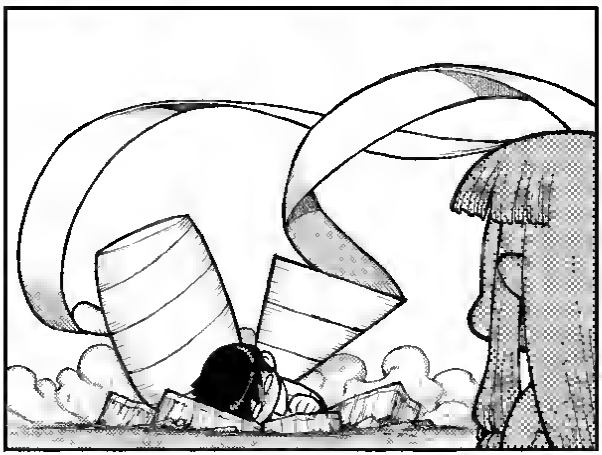
WHOOOAAA!!?
おわあああ!!?
THUD
THUD
THUD
THUD
ドドドドドド
BAM
バン!!
KAZ! YOU OKAY!?
ゴッ
THUD
HUH? REALLY? THERE WAS A TERRIBLE SCREAM.. AND I HEARD A LOUD THUD.
I-IT'S NOTHING.
EVERYTH ING'S OKAY.
じん
じん
PAIN
FOOL ...

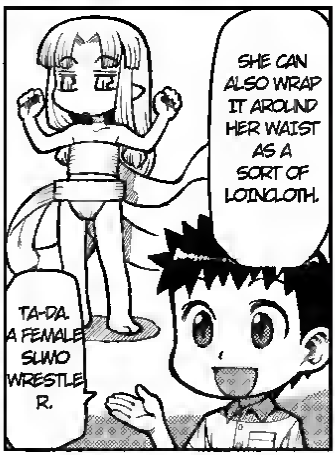
REPLICATION



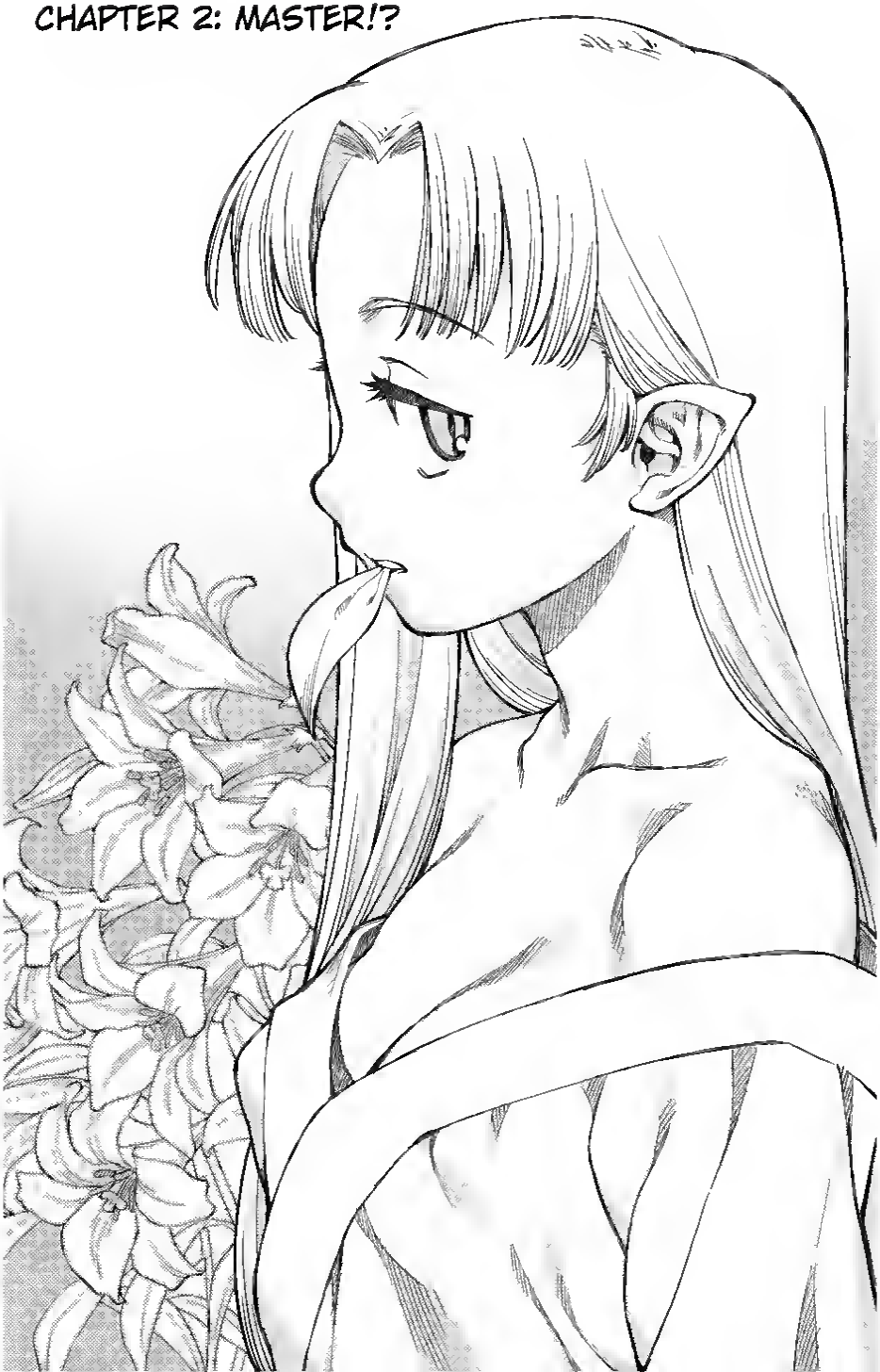








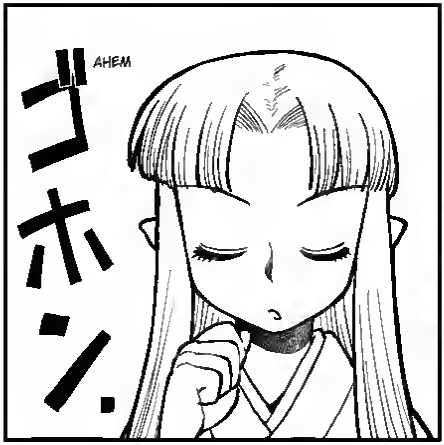
CHAPTER 2: MASTER!?



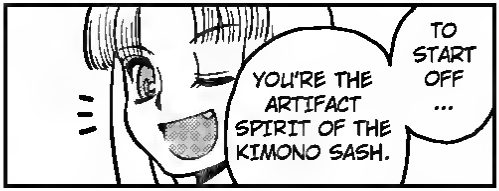
KAZ !! ARE YOU OKAY !!!?
0.03
THUD THUD THUD THUD
0.22
THUD THUD THUD
FWIP
THUD THUD THUD THUD
3.63
3.34
2.56
1.25
KAZ !!!
4.00
THUD
BAM

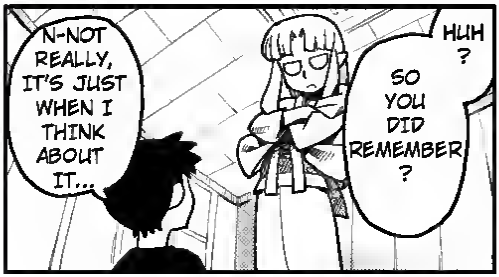
HUH? ARE YOU SURE? I THOUGHT I HEARD A SCREAM ...
T-THERE'S NOTHING, REALLY.
FWMP
パーン!
COME NOW, I'M REALLY OKAY, DON'T YOU SEE?
R-REALLY?
CLICK
UMM ... HELLO?

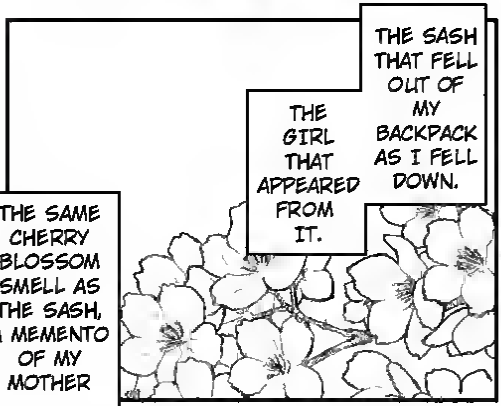
ばっ
FWIP
!?
BUT WHAT IF MY SISTER SAW ... UUGH !!
ぎゅうううう
TIGHTEN
HOW DARE YOU HANDLE ME LIKE THIS? ME, THE SAVIOR OF YOUR LIFE, AND ON TOP OF THAT, YOUR MASTER!
YOU
FOOL !!
ブオッ
FSSHH
ゴッ
WHACK


AHEM
ゴホン。

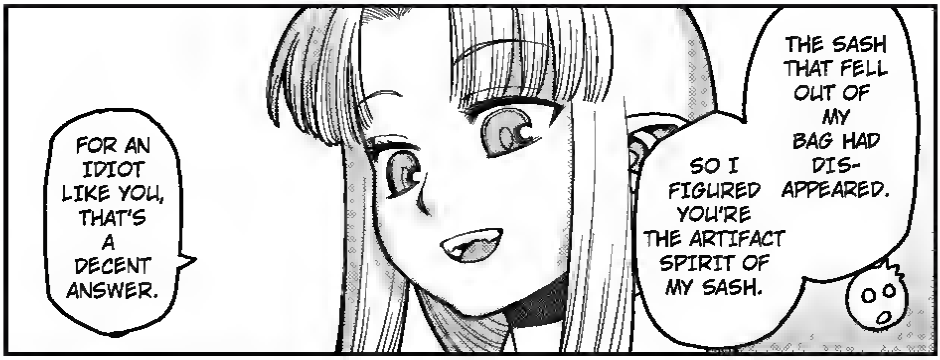
しゅうう
うううう
FSSHHH

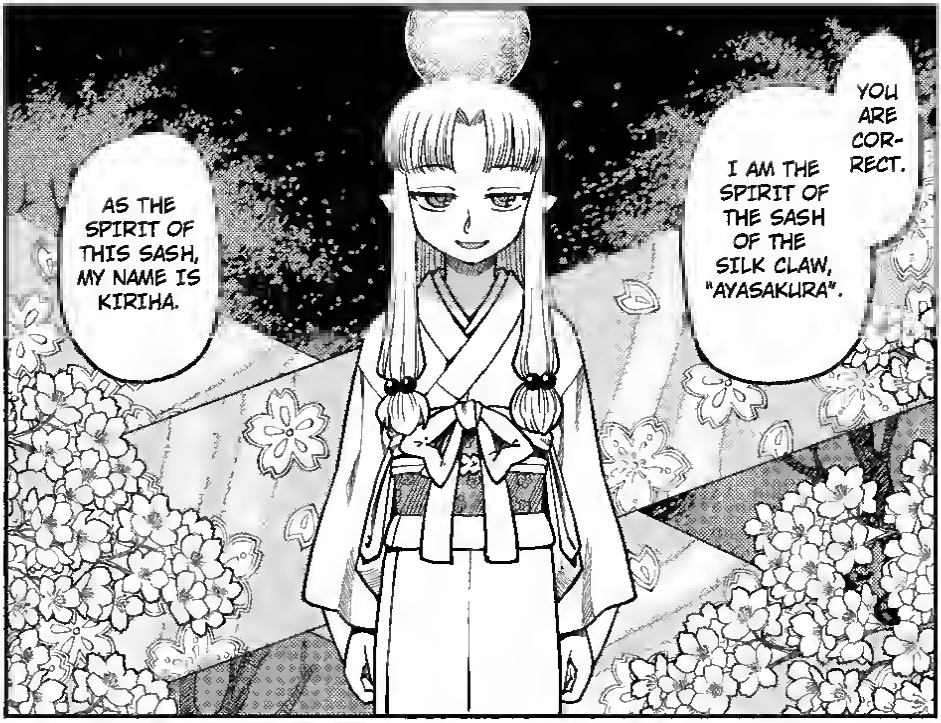

TO START OFF ...
YOU'RE THE ARTIFACT SPIRIT OF THE KIMONO SASH.

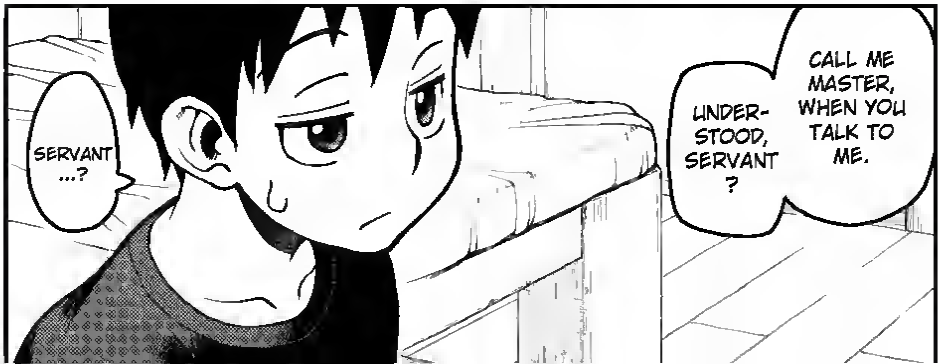

HUH ?
SO YOU DID REMEMBER ?
N-NOT REALLY, IT'S JUST WHEN I THINK ABOUT IT...


THE SASH THAT FELL OUT OF MY BACKPACK AS I FELL DOWN.
THE GIRL THAT APPEARED FROM IT.
THE SAME CHERRY BLOSSOM SMELL AS THE SASH, A MEMENTO OF MY MOTHER ...

HOW CAN YOU BE SO DISRESPECTFUL?
IT SEEMS LIKE YOU DON'T REMEMBER ME AT ALL.
I'LL TELL YOU IN A WAY THAT EVEN A BIRD-BRAIN LIKE YOU CAN UNDERSTAND.
BETTER BE THANKFUL ABOUT THAT.


THE SASH THAT FELL OUT OF MY BAG HAD DIS-APPEARED.
SO I FIGURED YOU'RE THE ARTIFACT SPIRIT OF MY SASH.
FOR AN IDIOT LIKE YOU, THAT'S A DECENT ANSWER.


YOU ARE COR-RECT.
I AM THE SPIRIT OF THE SASH OF THE SILK CLAW, "AYASAKURA".
AS THE SPIRIT OF THIS SASH, MY NAME IS KIRIHA.


CALL ME MASTER, WHEN YOU TALK TO ME.
UNDER-STOOD, SERVANT ?
SERVANT ...?

SO, UMM ... KIRIHA ...
HMM? CALL ME MASTER.
I-I CERTAINLY FEEL VERY GRATEFUL THAT YOU SAVED MY LIFE.
I REALLY AM!
AND I THINK THAT IN THAT SITUATION I WAS HELPLESS AGAINST THE CURRENT THREAT ...
HOW-EVER THIS IS MY HOUSE ...
AND THAT SASH WAS ACTUALLY MINE. SO IN A SENSE YOU'RE THE ONE THAT HAS TO CALL ME...
M-... MASTER ...
WHAAAAT?
ゴゴゴゴ.
RUMBLE RUMBLE

WHOOSH
HELP !!
WHY DO YOU STILL SHOW
SUCH IN-GRATI-TUDE !!
WHA !!
FSHHH
I GET IT!! I'M A SERVANT!! I'M YOUR SERVANT!!
A-... ALL RIGHT !
げぼぉ
CHOKE
UGH... SERVANT S-SERVA...
どしゃっ
THUD
ALL IS GOOD, AS LONG AS WE UNDER-STAND EACH OTHER...

AND STINKY ...
YOU'RE SUCH A DIRTY SERVANT ...
AND WHOSE FAULT DO YOU THINK THAT IS !!?
NOW THE CLEANING IS FINISHED,
IT'S TIME FOR YOUR FIRST ORDER.
HUH ?
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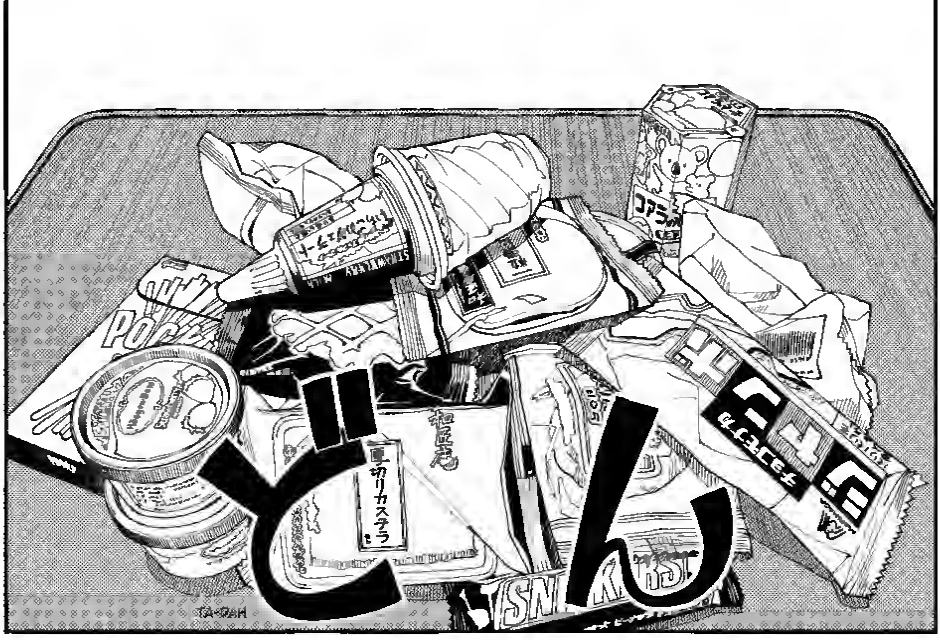
GAHHHH
WEL-COME !!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RUSTLE
FOR A FOOL LIKE YOU, YOU DID A GOOD ...
OOOH, SO MANY SWEETS !!
IS THIS SUF-FICIENT ?
I CAN'T FIND THE ...
HUH ?
THERE'S NO ...

KER-THUMP
WHERE'S MY FRIGGIN' PUDDING, YOU NITWIT !!!
WEL-COME !!
HMMMMM♡
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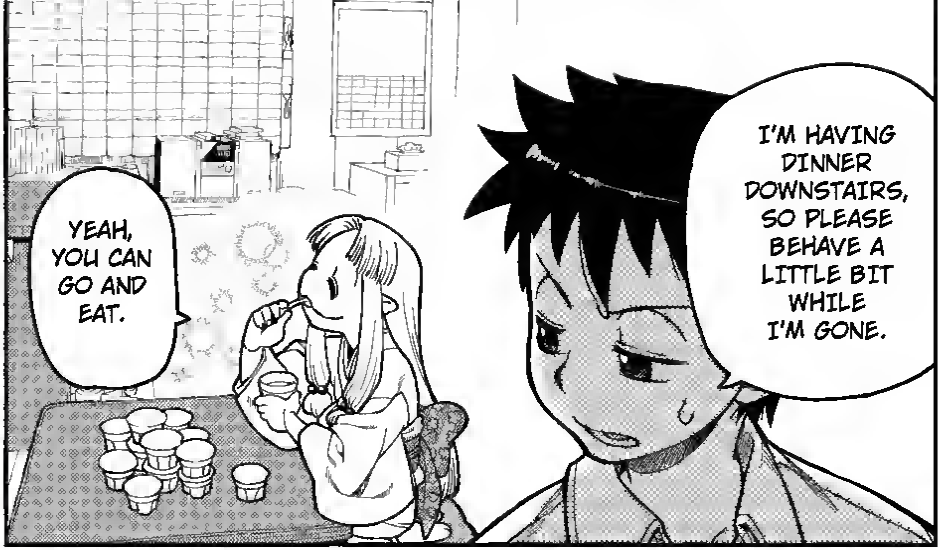
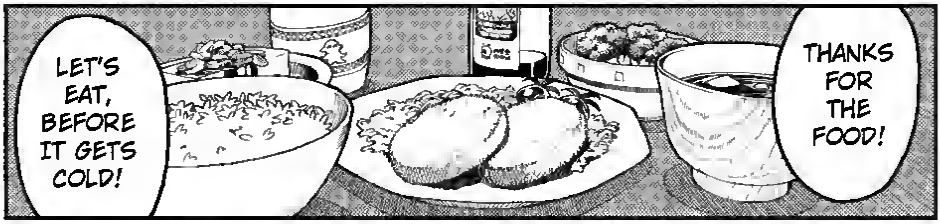
LIGHTS UP

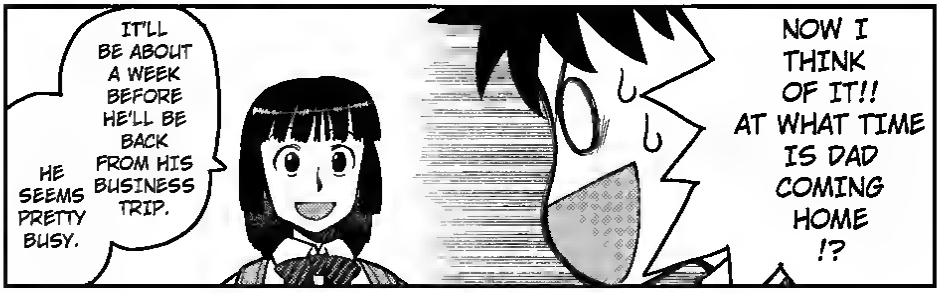

I'M HAVING DINNER DOWNSTAIRS, SO PLEASE BEHAVE A LITTLE BIT WHILE I'M GONE.
YEAH, YOU CAN GO AND EAT.


THANKS FOR THE FOOD!
LET'S EAT, BEFORE IT GETS COLD!

ゲラゲラゲラ
LAUGH LOUDLY
YOU CAN'T DO THAT! THINK ABOUT THE NEIGHBORS!

BY THE WAY, YOU'VE BEEN PRETTY NOISY TODAY, KAZ...
AH!

デデーン
DA-DUN
MATSUMOTO OUT!
IT SHOULD BE COMING FROM MY TV, HAHAHAHA ...
AH! OH ...
WASN'T THERE A LAUGHING SOUND COMING FROM YOUR ROOM JUST NOW ?
IT SOUNDED PRETTY REAL TO BE COMING FROM A TV.


NOW I THINK OF IT!! AT WHAT TIME IS DAD COMING HOME !?
IT'LL BE ABOUT A WEEK BEFORE HE'LL BE BACK FROM HIS BUSINESS TRIP.
HE SEEMS PRETTY BUSY.

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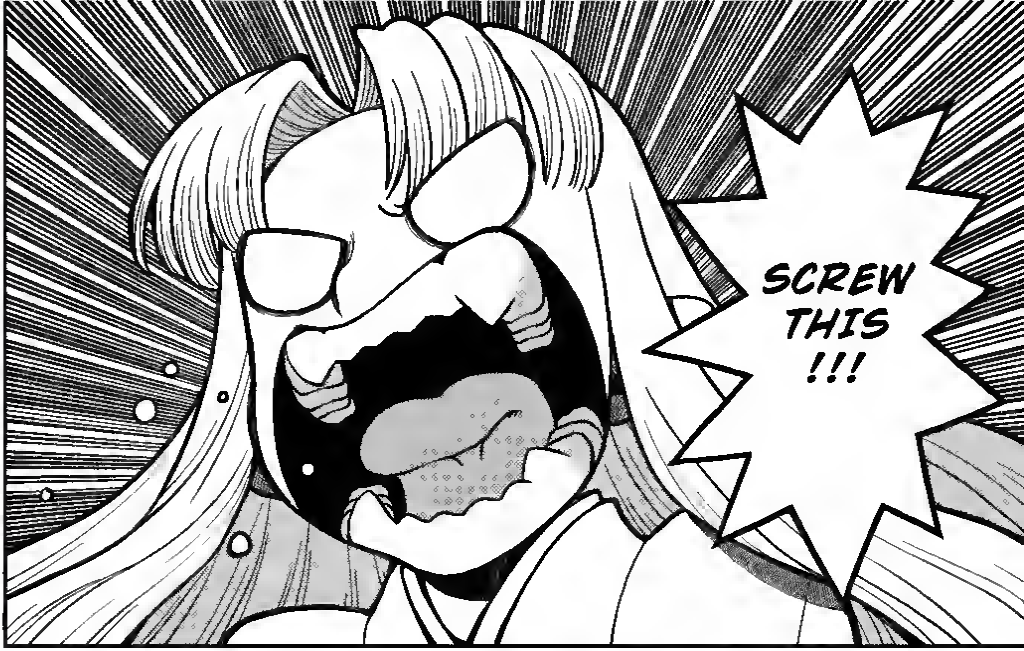
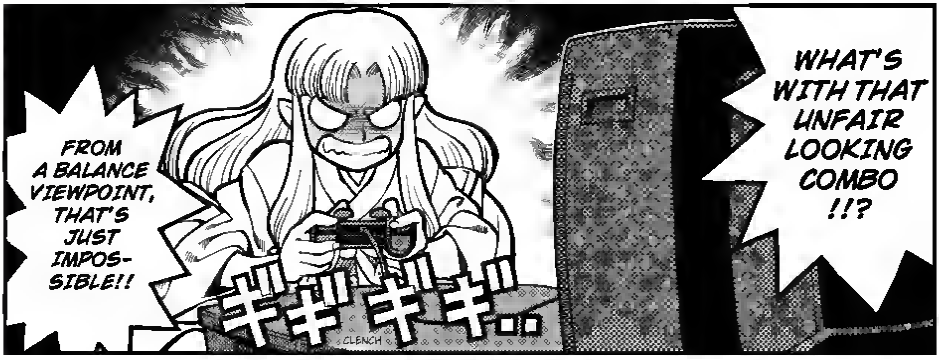
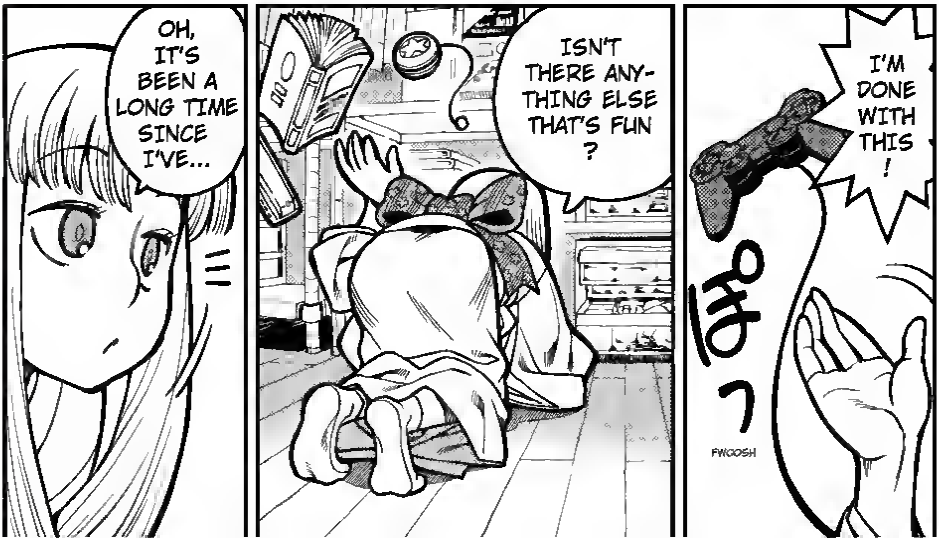
バタン
THUD
"IMPACT"
OH, I SEE, I SEE ...


SCREW THIS !!!


FROM A BALANCE VIEWPOINT, THAT'S JUST IMPOS-SIBLE!!
ギギギ..
CLENCH
WHAT'S WITH THAT UNFAIR LOOKING COMBO !!?


OH, IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE I'VE...
ISN'T THERE ANY-THING ELSE THAT'S FUN ?
I'M DONE WITH THIS !
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FWOOSH

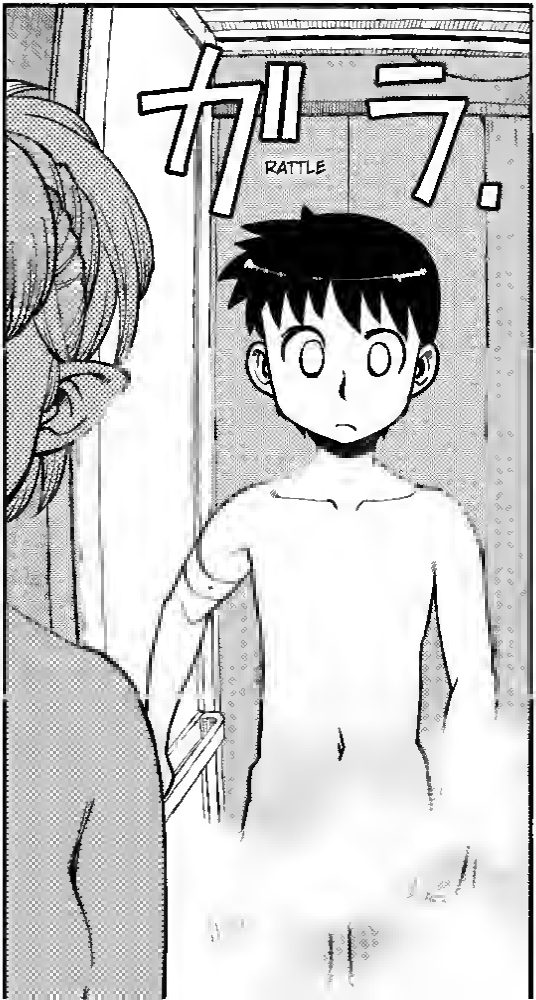
WAIT, SIS! YOU'RE JUST HEARING THINGS ...
YEAH, RIGHT! LET GO OF ME!
IT MUST BE A BURGLAR !
PLEASE JUST RELAX !
I'LL PROTECT YOU KAZ, YOU JUST WATCH ME!
GIVE UP WHILE YOU STILL CAN !!
GRIP
BAM

しーーん
SILENCE
HUH!?
WHAT? NOBODY'S HERE.
WASTING ALL THAT STRESS FOR NOTHING ...

WELL THEN, TIME FOR THE DISHES!
WHERE COULD SHE HAVE WENT?

BY THE WAY, KAZ. YOU SHOULD KEEP YOUR ROOM A BIT TIDIER, YOU KNOW!
くしゃ
MESSY
YEAH ...
THAT FRIGGIN' SASH WITCH ...

ENRAGED
カッ!!
I'M FINE ON MY OWN !!!
TAKING A BATH? THEN I'LL COME W-


ガラ。
RATTLE

I CAN'T HELP WORRYING ABOUT WHERE KIRIHA COULD HAVE WENT.
SHE MUST BE WANDERING AROUND OUTSIDE, LOOKING FOR MORE SWEETS.
I JUST HOPE SHE DOESN'T RUN INTO MY SISTER BY ACCIDENT.

OH!

WHAAA!! KAZUYA, YOU PERVERT!!
FWWSHH
REACTION PART I
HOW DARE YOU PEEK AT ME BATHING!
SQUEEZE
AGHHH!!
REACTION PART II
YOU GOT THE WRONG IDEA! I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE HERE.
STARE
TREMBLE TREMBLE TREMBLE

HUH !!?
HOW LONG WILL YOU KEEP ME WAITING ?

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SURPRISE
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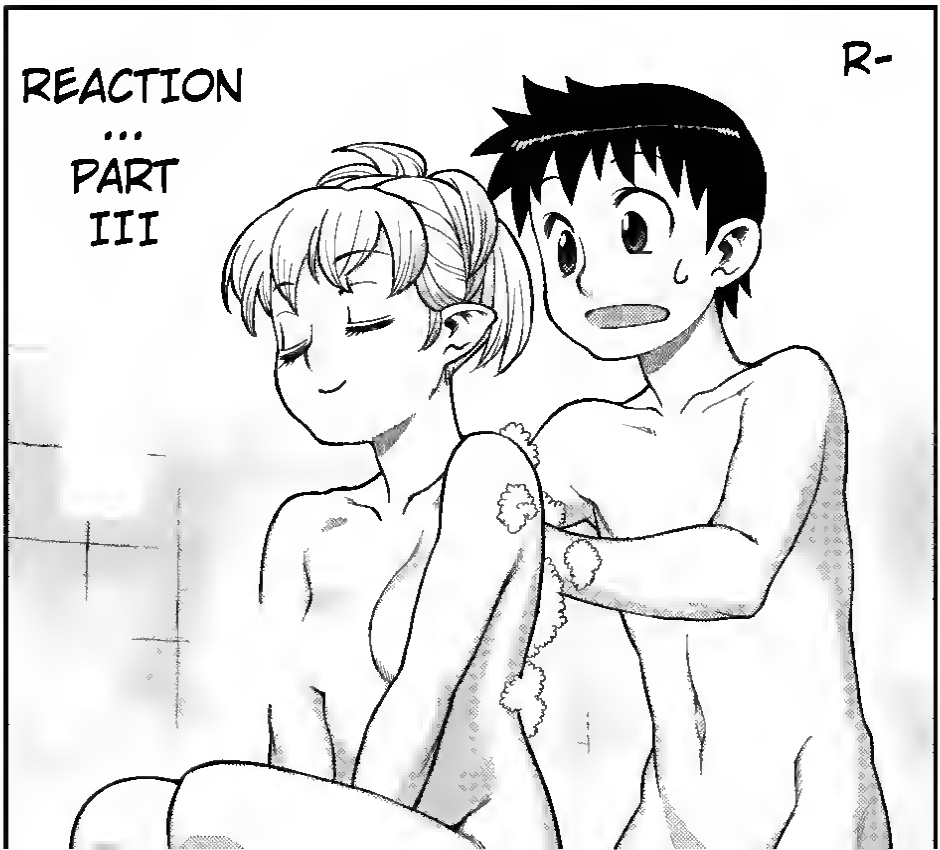
SIT

YOU MUST HAVE COME HERE TO WASH MY BACK.
SO WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR ?


REACTION ... PART III
R-

I WILL GLADLY WASH YOUR BACK NOW, KAZUYA.
SPIN
HUHHH !?
I'M FINE BY MY-SELF, REALLY !!
ENOUGH. GOOD WORK.
SPLASH
WHAT ARE YOU SO ASHAMED ABOUT?
WE USED TO DO THIS ALL THE TIME, A LONG TIME AGO.
A LONG TIME AGO?!
?
WHY DON'T I REMEMBER ANY OF THIS!!!!?
WOW... SHE MIGHT BE RIGHT.
わしゃわしゃ
RUB RUB
THIS FEELS VERY FAMI-LIAR ...

NO, THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE.
HA HA
YOU USED TO HAVE THIS SIZE.
YOU'VE GROWN UP, KAZUYA ...
HUH?
W-WHAAT? O-OF COURSE NOT !!
IT HAS BECOME HARD LIKE A FULL-FLEDGED ADULT! DOES MY NAKEDNESS AROUSE YOU?
BLEGH
YOUR PENIS!
W-WAIT, STOP !!
AAH ...
IT'S OK IT'S OK.
EH ?
W-WAIT !
GIVE IT TO ME FOR A MINUTE.
YOU'RE STILL UNCUT?
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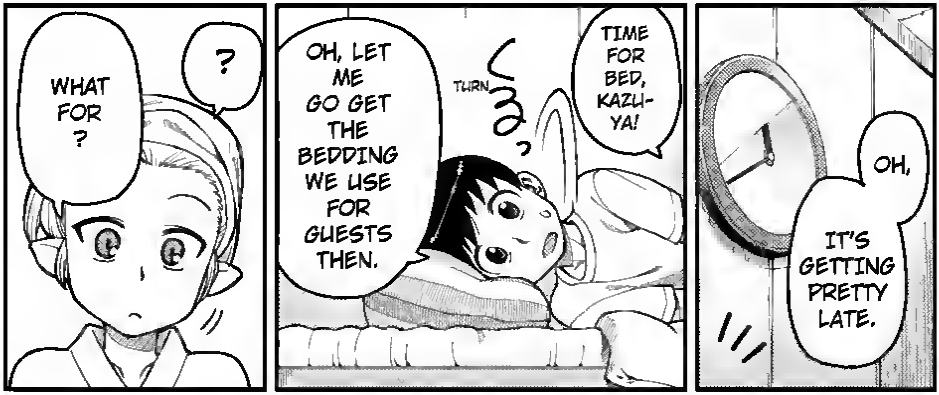
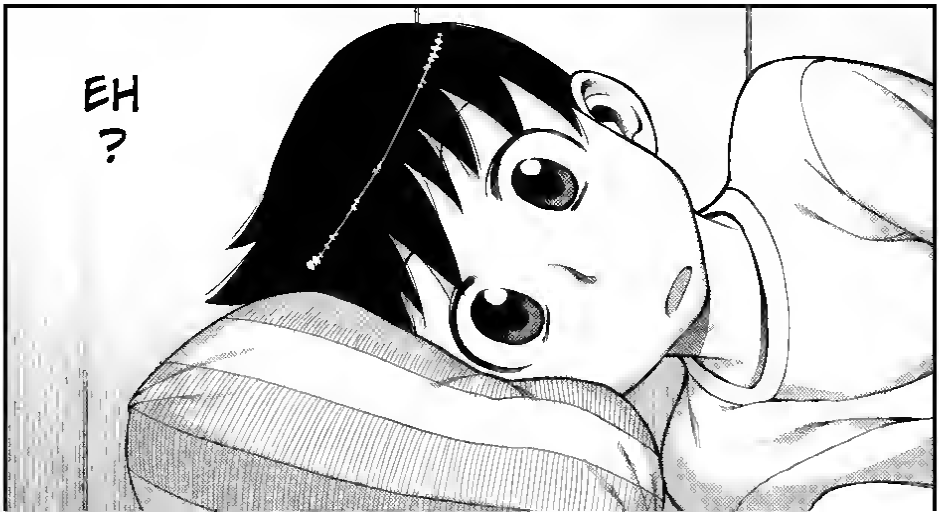
AHHHH
PEEL

IT'S A VERY DELICATE PROBLEM IN A VERY DELICATE PLACE ...
WHAT ARE YOU BEING SUCH A WUSS FOR?


WHAT FOR ?
?
OH, LET ME GO GET THE BEDDING WE USE FOR GUESTS THEN.
TURN
TIME FOR BED, KAZU-YA!
OH,
IT'S GETTING PRETTY LATE.


EH ?

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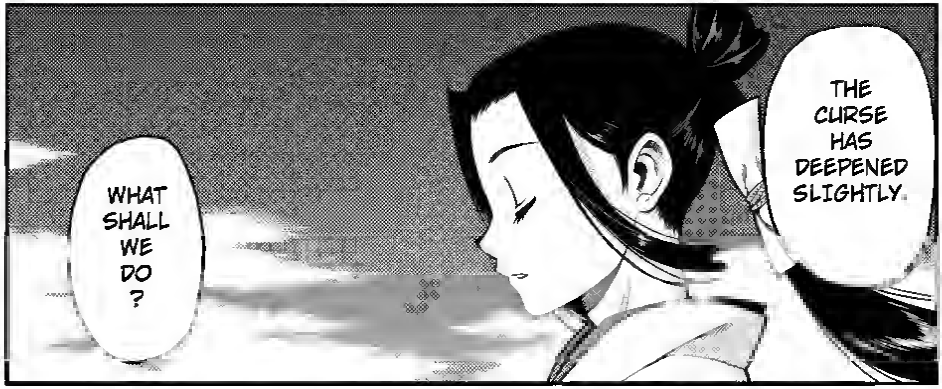
SNUG
PICTURE OF HOW KAZUYA ALWAYS SLEPT WITH THE SASH NEAR HIS PILLOW.
OH!
THIS CAN'T BE RIGHT. AT THIS AGE I CAN NO LONGER SEE SLEEPING SO CLOSE TO A GIRL AS INNOCENT.
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
WE'VE ALWAYS SLEPT TOGE-THER LIKE THIS.

NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, YOU'RE RIGHT.
WELL THEN, GOOD NIGHT.
YEAH, 'NIGHT.
KIRIHA, LYING NEXT TO ME, ALWAYS EXUDING THE SWEET SMELL OF CHERRY BLOSSOMS.
IT FEELS SO PEACE-FUL ...
... BUT
眠れるかっ
HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO SLEEP LIKE THIS !!!?

オオオオオ
"ROOOAAR"


THE CURSE HAS DEEPENED SLIGHTLY.
WHAT SHALL WE DO?

THERE'S NO NEED TO HURRY. IT HAS MERELY AWAKENED.
FOR THE MOMENT, LET US JUST WAIT AND SEE.

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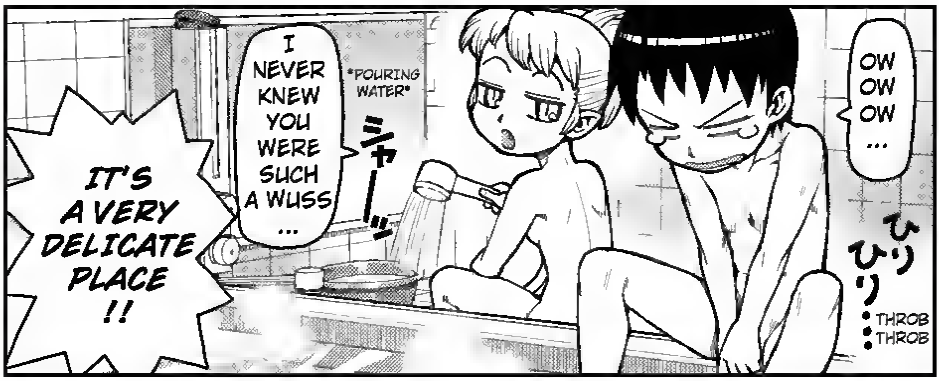
OW OW OW ...
ひり ひり
THROB THROB
"POURING WATER"
シャー
I NEVER KNEW YOU WERE SUCH A WUSS ...
IT'S A VERY DELICATE PLACE !!

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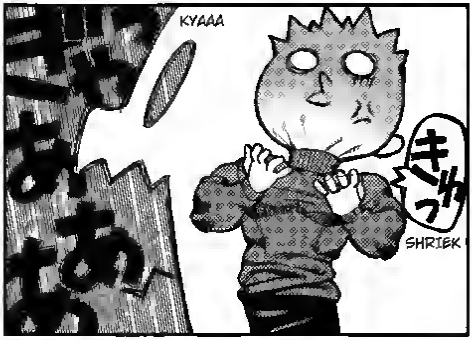
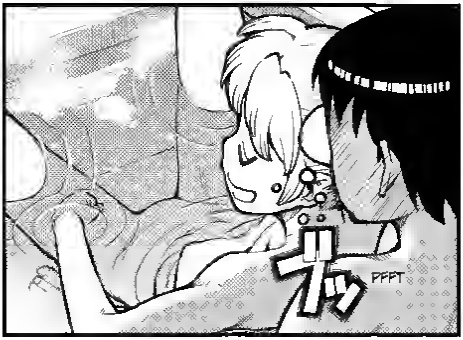
AHHH
AAAAH
THAT FEELS GOOOOD !

HEY, MAKE SOME SPACE.


KYAAA
きゃっ
SHRIEK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NOT
HOT
ENOUGH
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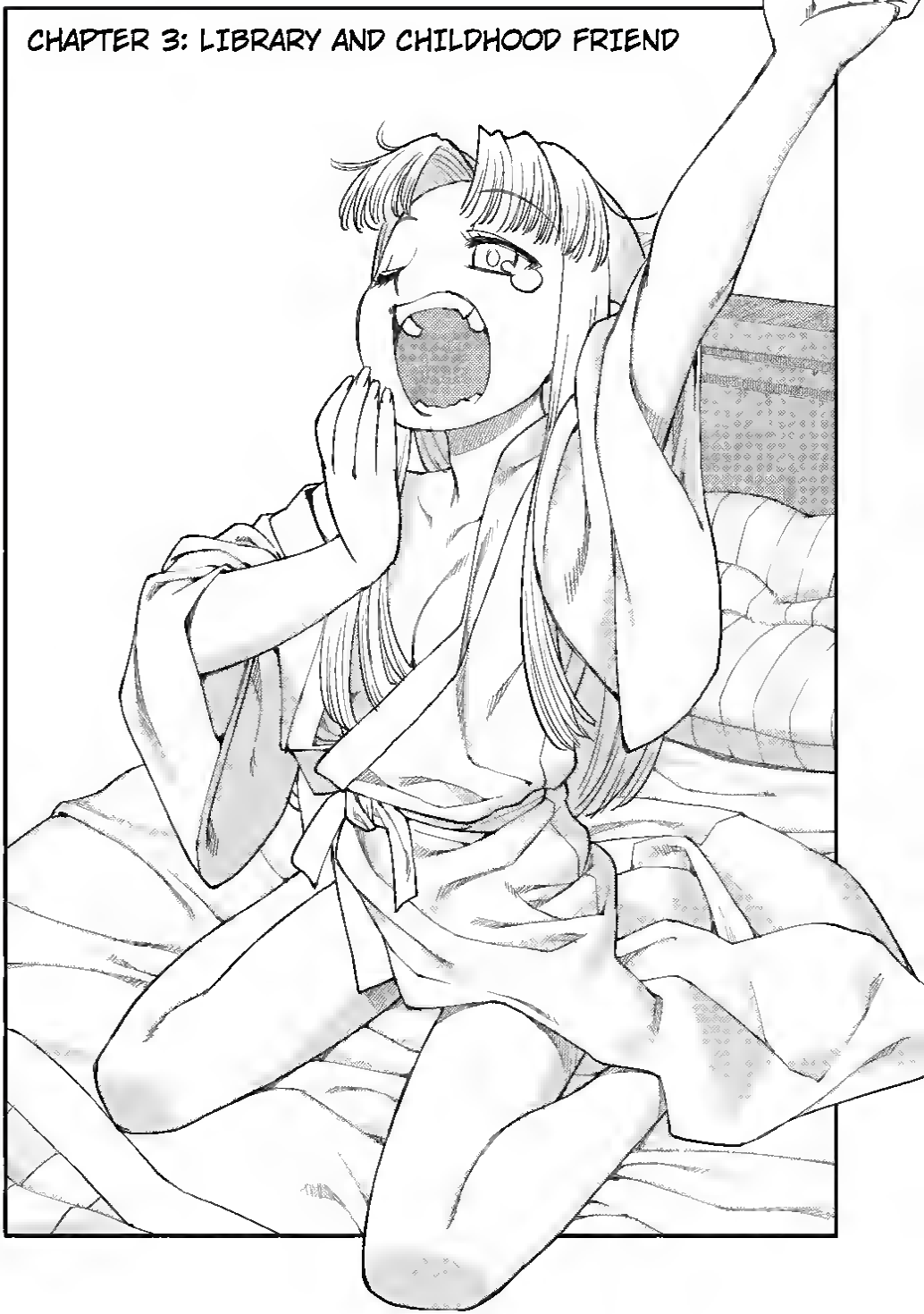
CHAPTER 3: LIBRARY AND CHILDHOOD FRIEND

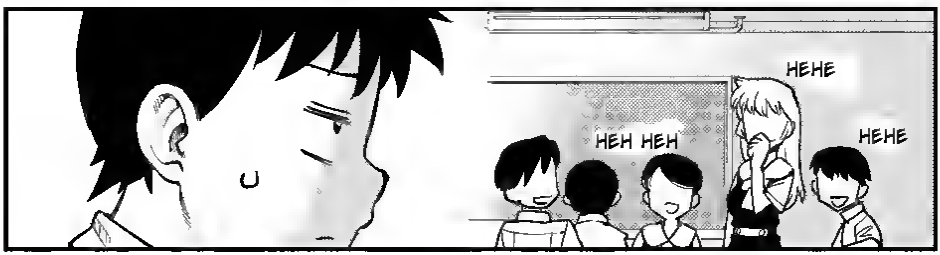


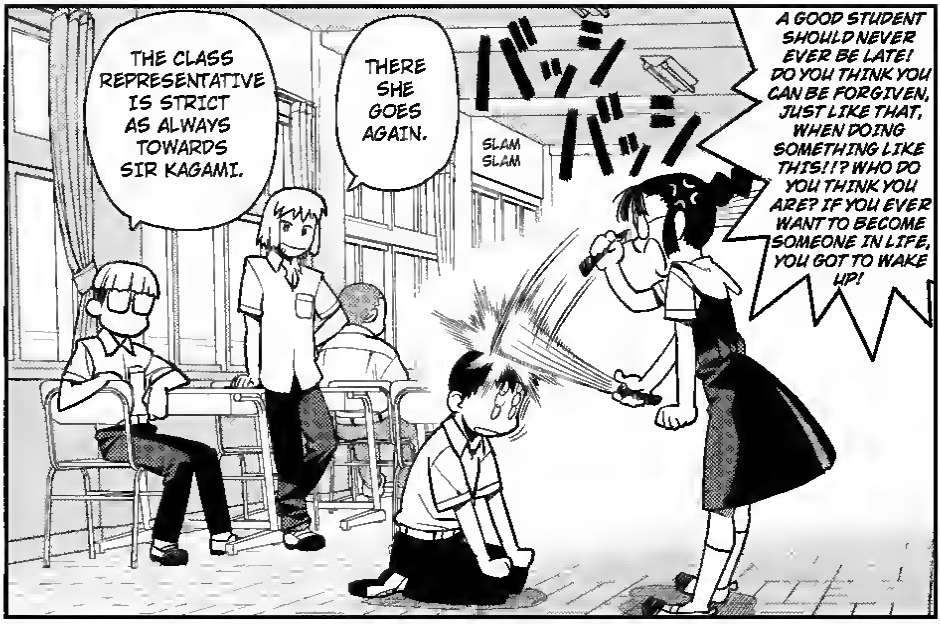
THERE IS STILL TIME !
PANT
PANT
I CAN MAKE IT !!
PANT
PANT
IF I ARRIVE BEFORE ATTEN-DANCE IS TAKEN, I'M SAFE.
PULL

LATE AS ALWAYS, YOU MEAN.
JUST ON TIME !!!
KER-CHUNK

CHIKA-ISHI!
USE THIS FORMULA AND TRY AND WORK OUT THE VALUE.
YES.
OW OW OW

WHO TOLD YOU TO GO AHEAD AND SLACK OFF!!!?
ENRAGED


HEHE
HEH HEH
HEHE


THE CLASS REPRESENTATIVE IS STRICT AS ALWAYS TOWARDS SIR KAGAMI.
THERE SHE GOES AGAIN.
バッシ バッシ
SLAM SLAM
A GOOD STUDENT SHOULD NEVER EVER BE LATE! DO YOU THINK YOU CAN BE FORGIVEN, JUST LIKE THAT, WHEN DOING SOMETHING LIKE THIS!!? WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE? IF YOU EVER WANT TO BECOME SOMEONE IN LIFE, YOU GOT TO WAKE UP!

SMOKING
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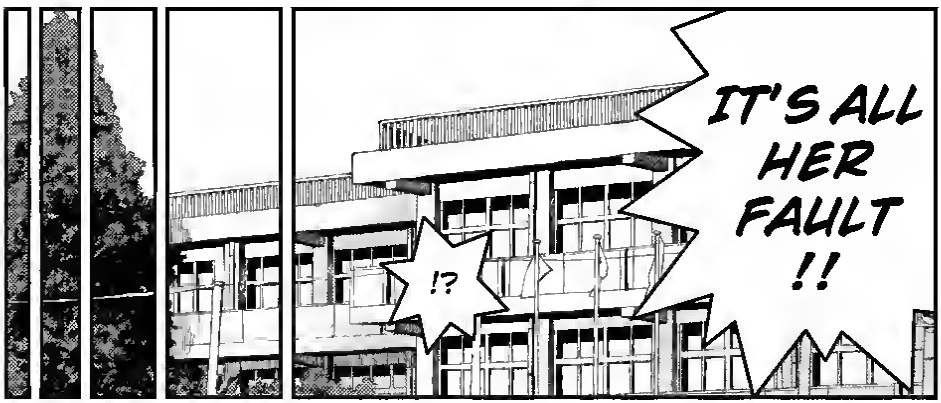
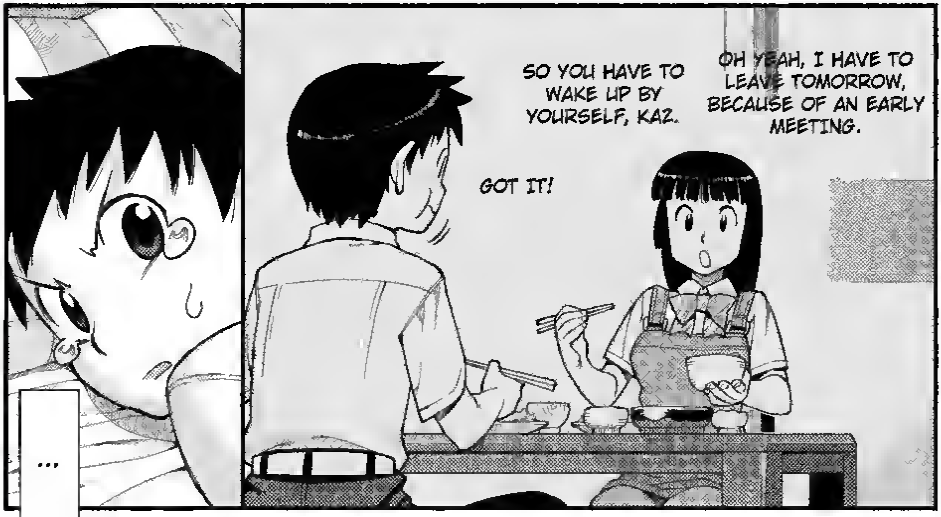
IT WASN'T MY FAULT.
IT WASN'T ...
HUH ?


IT'S ALL HER FAULT !!
!?

THIS MORNING
KAZUYA!
HEY!
IT'S TIME TO WAKE UP!
COME ON!
SHAKE SHAKE
BE QUIET...
SLAP
LET ME SLEEP JUST A WHILE LONGER, SIS...
I COULD HARDLY SLEEP LAST NIGHT, BECAUSE OF SOME DEMON...
MENACE

WHO ARE YOU CALLING A DEMON ...?
PRONG
TWISH
かぼす
YOU FOOL !!!
WHA-AAAAAAAAAH !!!
BAM BAM

GETTING PERSONALLY WOKEN BY YOUR MASTER,
YOU SHOULD BE THANK-FUL.
OOOHHHHH
ヒィヒィ
RUB RUB
グリ
グリ
WHO THE HECK WOULD BE THANKFUL FOR BEING WOKEN UP BY A KICK IN THE NUTS?
MY SISTER WILL WAKE ME AT 7, SO YOU DON'T HAVE TO BOTHER!


OH YEAH, I HAVE TO LEAVE TOMORROW, BECAUSE OF AN EARLY MEETING.
SO YOU HAVE TO WAKE UP BY YOURSELF, KAZ.
GOT IT!
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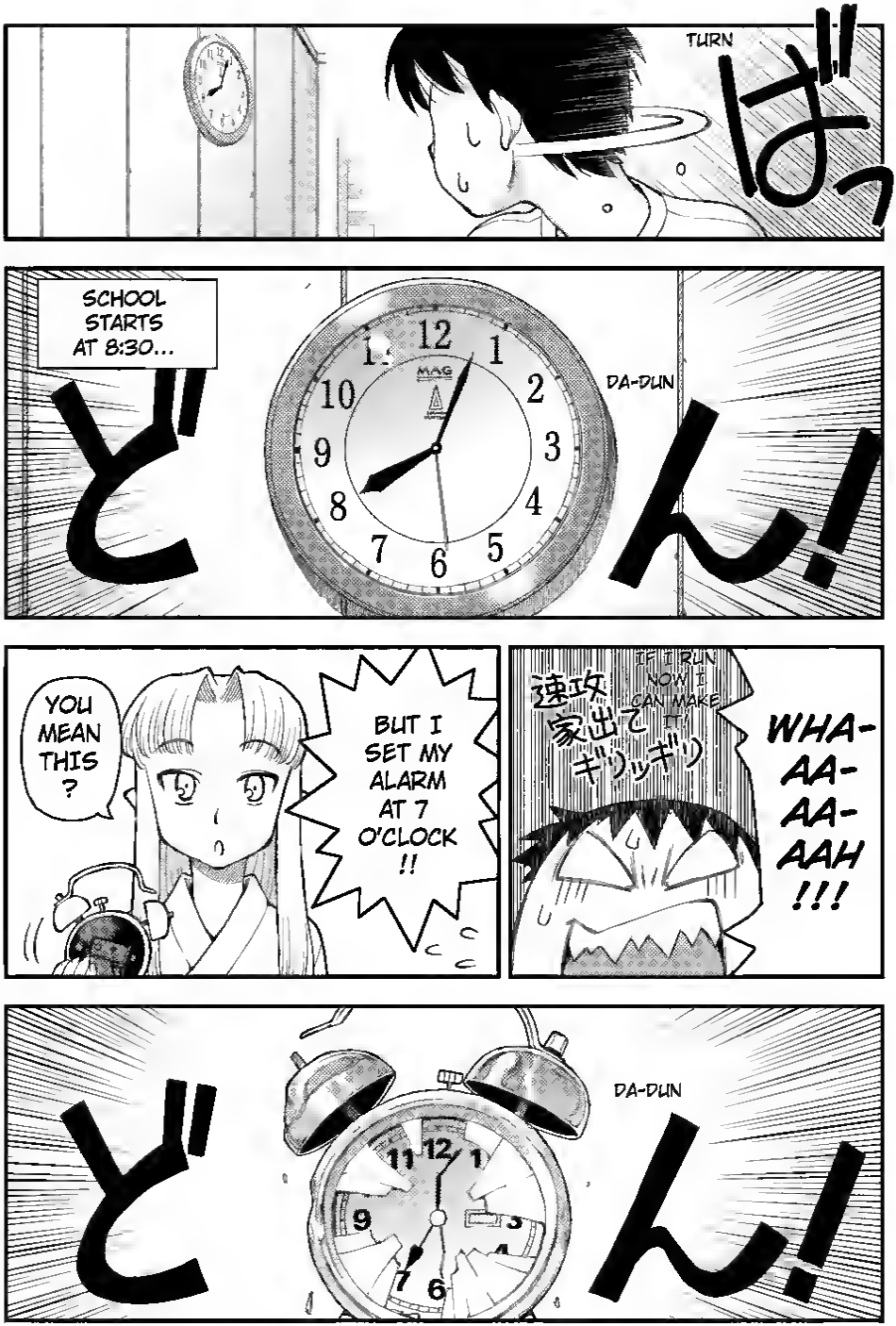
TURN
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SCHOOL STARTS AT 8:30...
どん!
DA-DUN
YOU MEAN THIS ?
BUT I SET MY ALARM AT 7 O'CLOCK !!
速攻家出でギリッギリ
IF I RUN NOW I CAN MAKE IT
WHA-AA-AA-AAH !!!
どん!
DA-DUN

RING RING
HUH ?
I WAS SLEEPING SO PEACEFULLY, AND THEN THIS THING STARTED CRYING OUT.
H-HEY ... WH-WHAT ...?
WHA-AA-AAA-AA-AH !!!
KER-WHAM
BE QUIET.
I MADE IT SHUT UP ON THE SPOT.
FWOOOSSSHHH
WHAT'S WRONG WITH THAT? YOU SEEMED TIRED, SO I FIGURED I WOULD LET YOU KEEP SLEEPING.

I'M OFF !!
OKAY !
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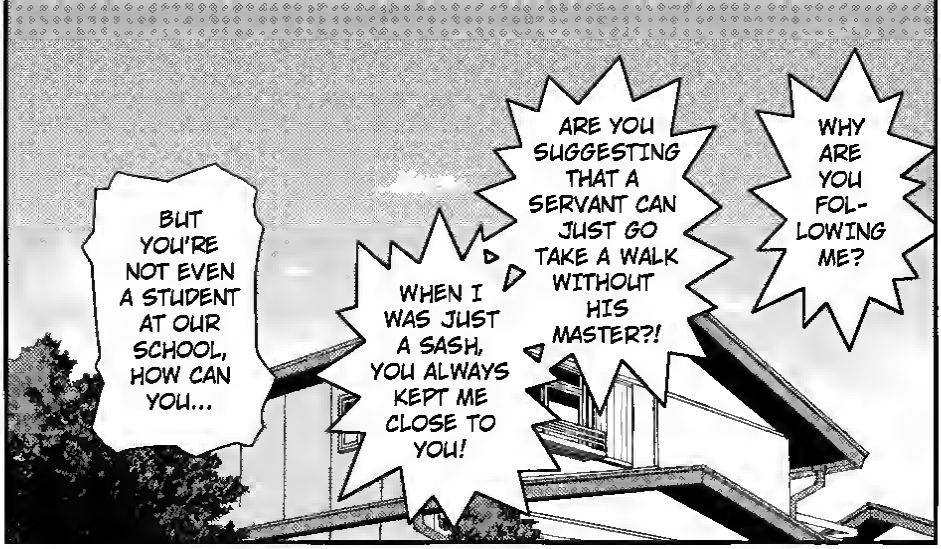
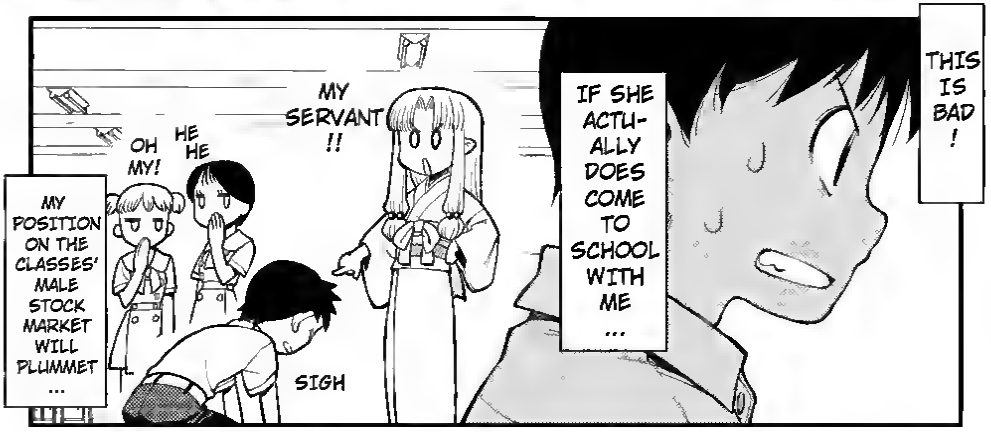
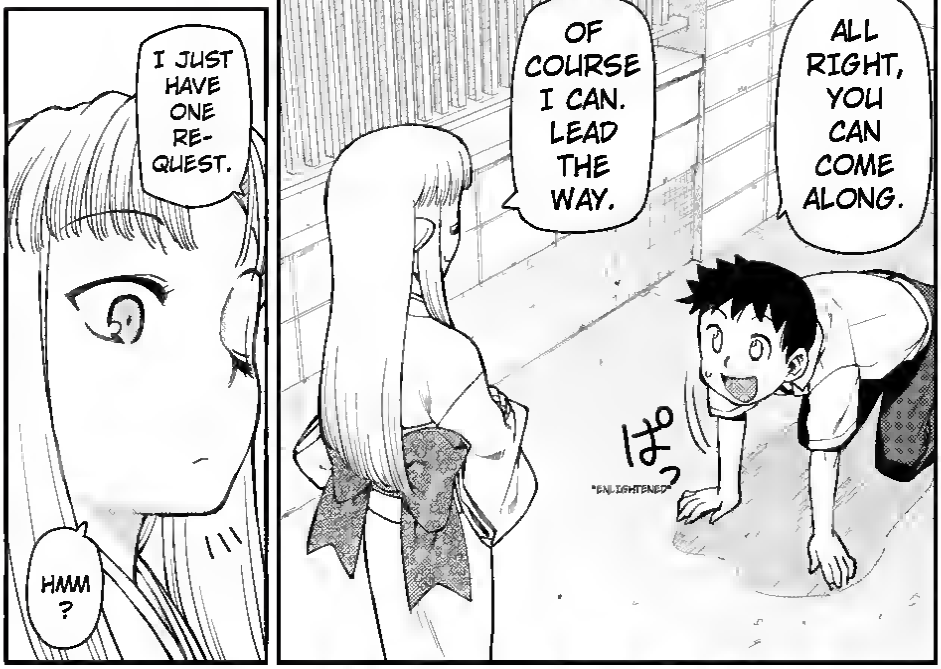
DASH


BUT YOU'RE NOT EVEN A STUDENT AT OUR SCHOOL, HOW CAN YOU...
WHEN I WAS JUST A SASH, YOU ALWAYS KEPT ME CLOSE TO YOU!
ARE YOU SUGGESTING THAT A SERVANT CAN JUST GO TAKE A WALK WITHOUT HIS MASTER?!
WHY ARE YOU FOL-LOWING ME?


MY POSITION ON THE CLASSES' MALE STOCK MARKET WILL PLUMMET ...
OH MY!
HE HE
MY SERVANT !!
SIGH
IF SHE ACTU-ALLY DOES COME TO SCHOOL WITH ME ...
THIS IS BAD !

AHAH!
WHAT CAN I DO ...
WHAT CAN I DO ...
I WILL GO WITH YOU.
BECAUSE IF KIRIHA REALLY SETS HER MIND ON SOMETHING, RESISTANCE IS FUTILE.


I JUST HAVE ONE RE-QUEST.
HMM ?
ALL RIGHT, YOU CAN COME ALONG.
OF COURSE I CAN. LEAD THE WAY.
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ENLIGHTENED

YES, THANK YOU SO MUCH!
I'M BACK IN MY ORIGI-NAL FORM. GOOD ENOUGH ?
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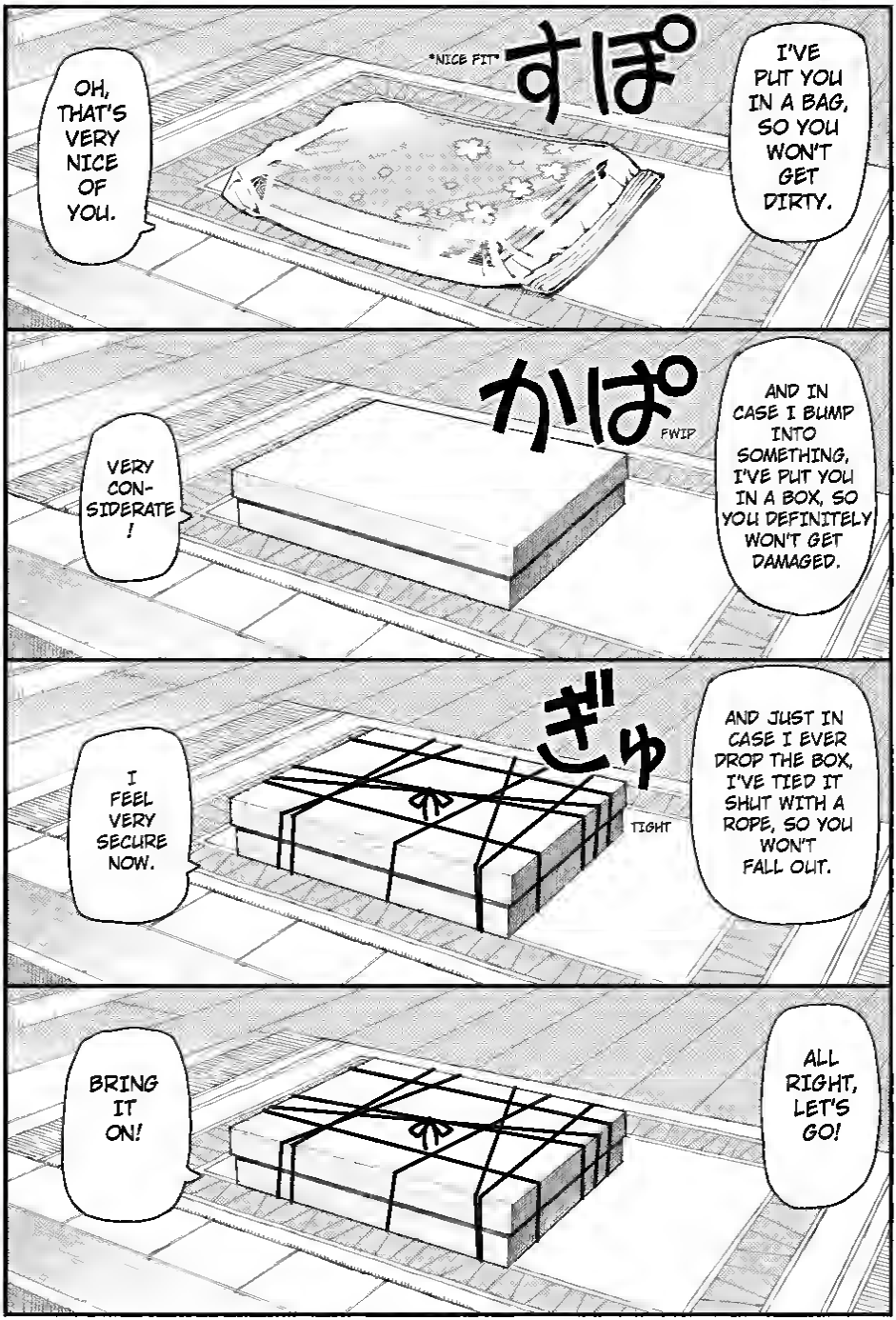
APPEARS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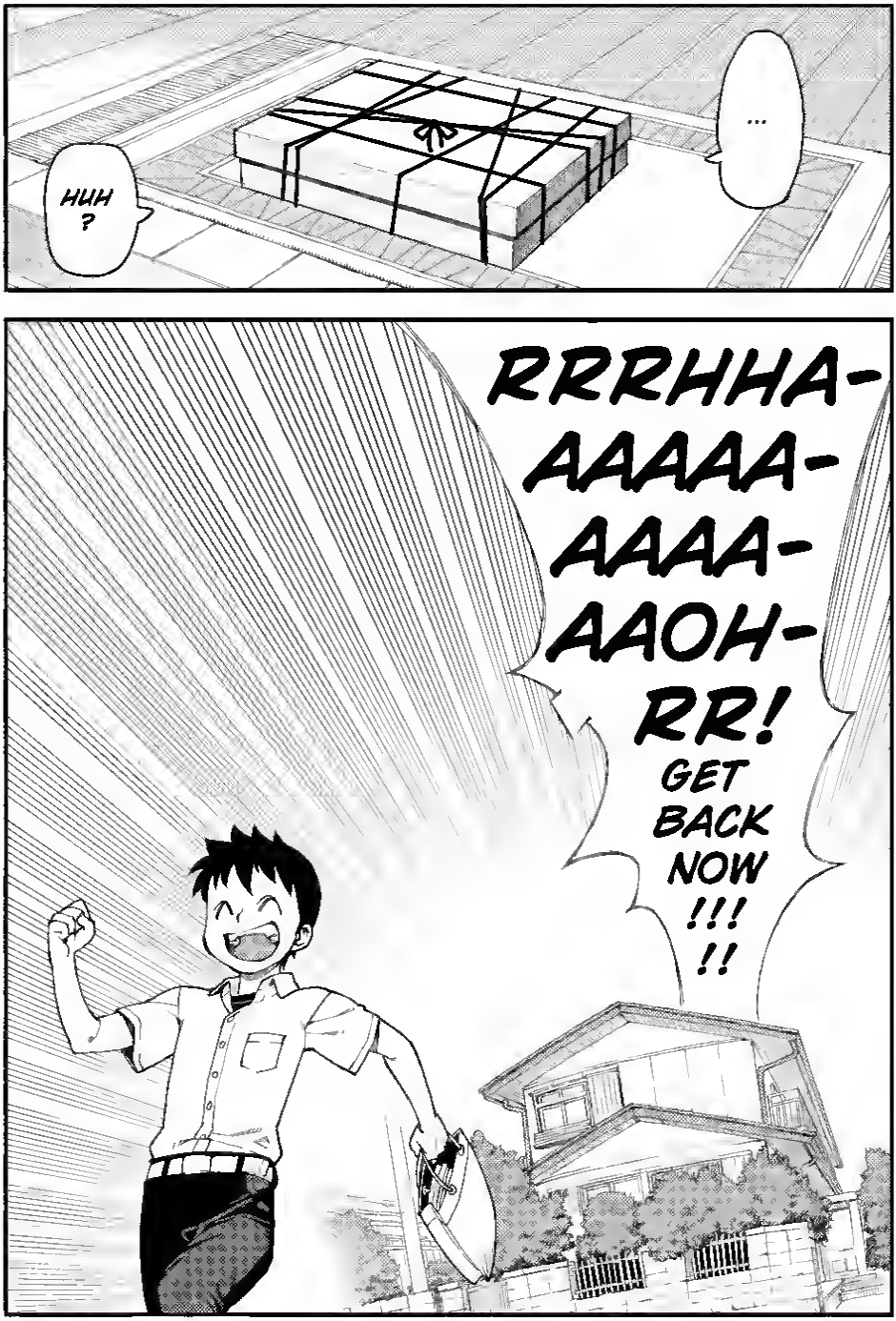
NICE FIT
I'VE PUT YOU IN A BAG, SO YOU WON'T GET DIRTY.
OH, THAT'S VERY NICE OF YOU.
かぽ
FWIP
AND IN CASE I BUMP INTO SOMETHING, I'VE PUT YOU IN A BOX, SO YOU DEFINITELY WON'T GET DAMAGED.
VERY CONSIDERATE!
ぎゅ
TIGHT
AND JUST IN CASE I EVER DROP THE BOX, I'VE TIED IT SHUT WITH A ROPE, SO YOU WON'T FALL OUT.
I FEEL VERY SECURE NOW.
ALL RIGHT, LET'S GO!
BRING IT ON!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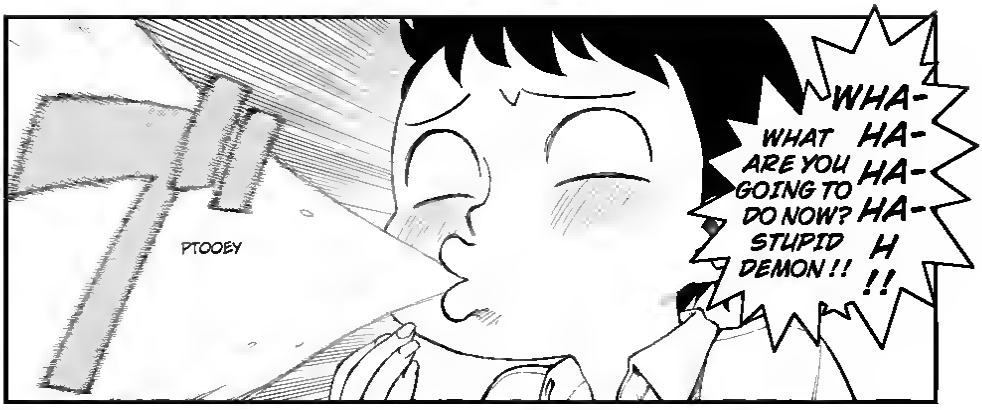
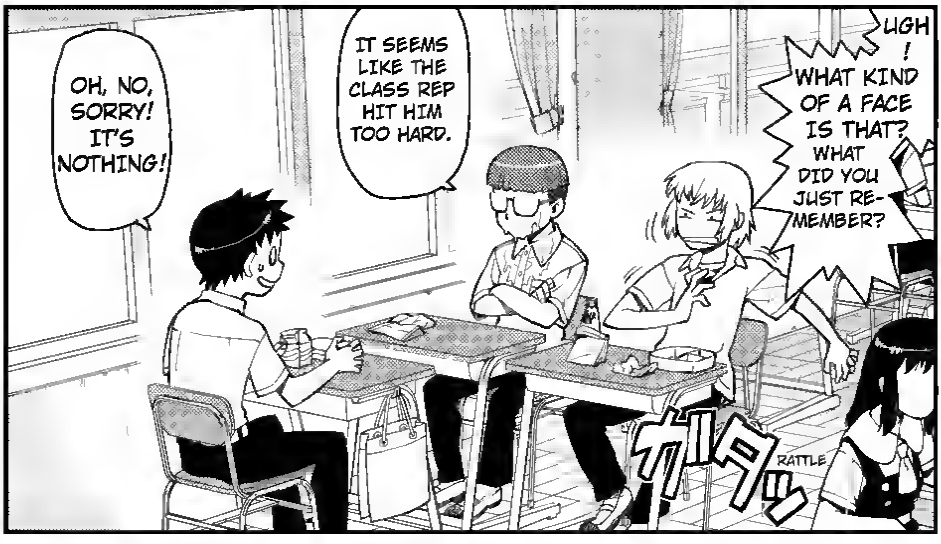
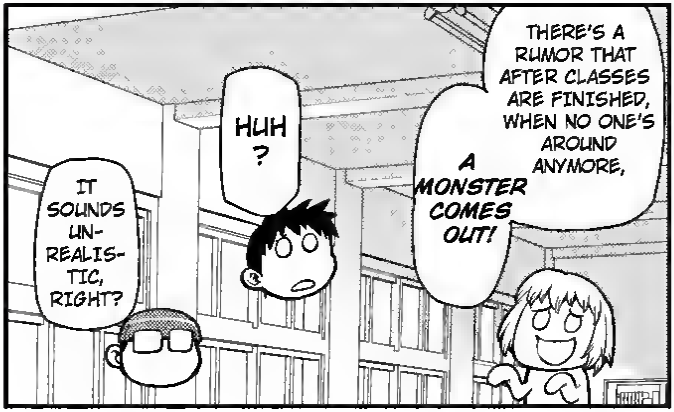
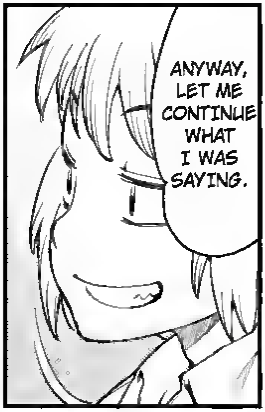
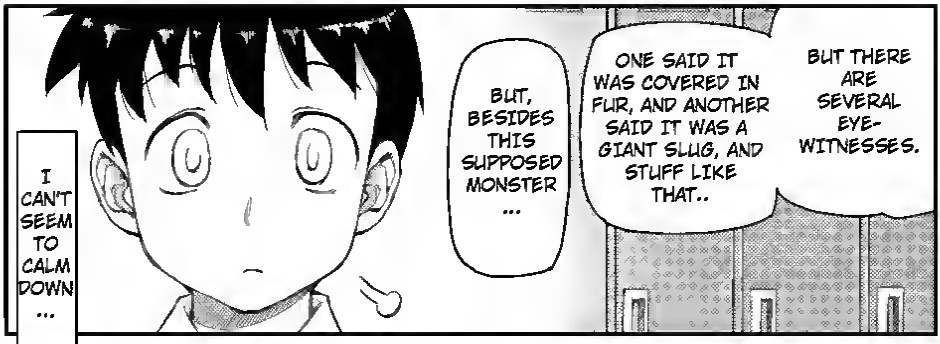
HUH ?
RRRHHA-AAAAA-AAAA-AAOH-RR!
GET BACK NOW !!! !!


PTOOEY
WHA-HA-HA-HA-H!!
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO NOW? STUPID DEMON!!

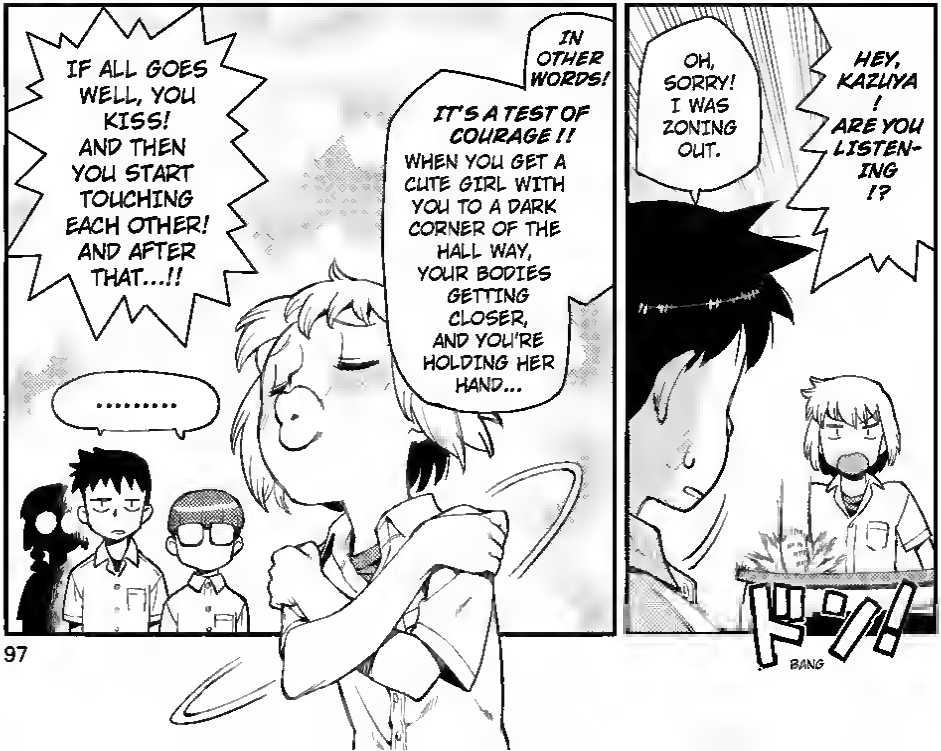

OH, NO, SORRY! IT'S NOTHING!
IT SEEMS LIKE THE CLASS REP HIT HIM TOO HARD.
UGH! WHAT KIND OF A FACE IS THAT? WHAT DID YOU JUST RE-MEMBER?
RATTLE


IT SOUNDS UN-REALIS-TIC, RIGHT?
HUH?
THERE'S A RUMOR THAT AFTER CLASSES ARE FINISHED, WHEN NO ONE'S AROUND ANYMORE,
A MONSTER COMES OUT!


ANYWAY, LET ME CONTINUE WHAT I WAS SAYING.

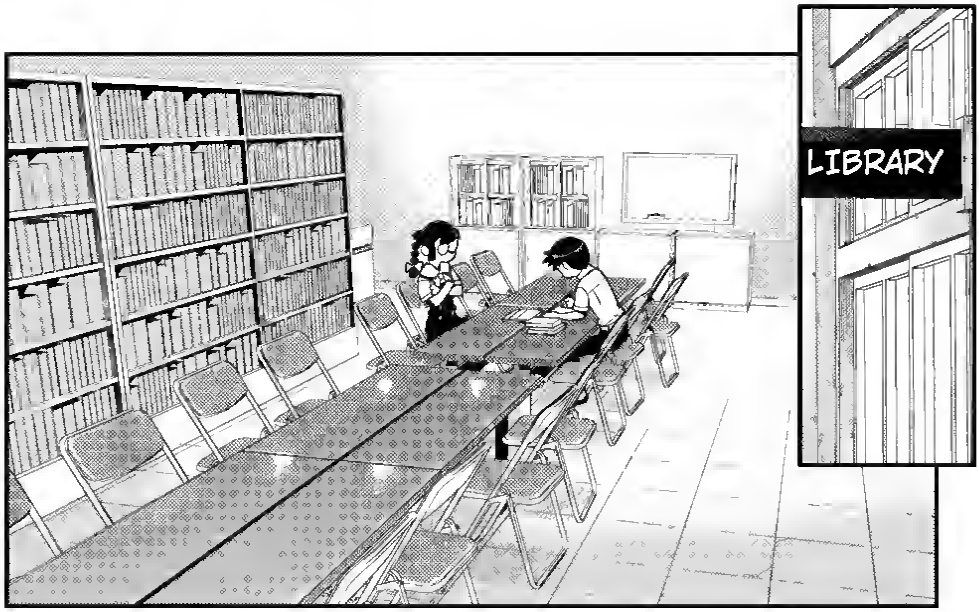

I CAN'T SEEM TO CALM DOWN ...
BUT, BESIDES THIS SUPPOSED MONSTER ...
ONE SAID IT WAS COVERED IN FUR, AND ANOTHER SAID IT WAS A GIANT SLUG, AND STUFF LIKE THAT..
BUT THERE ARE SEVERAL EYE-WITNESSES.

I WON'T BE ABLE TO SMELL IT ANY-MORE AT SCHOOL ...
OH YEAH, IT CAN'T BE HERE. I LEFT KIRAHA AT HOME.
HUH ?
RUSTLE RUSTLE
ガサガサ
I HAVEN'T HAD A SNIFF FROM MY SASH ...

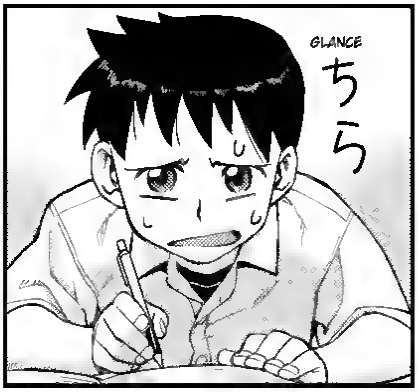

IF ALL GOES WELL, YOU KISS! AND THEN YOU START TOUCHING EACH OTHER! AND AFTER THAT...!!
IN OTHER WORDS!
IT'S A TEST OF COURAGE!! WHEN YOU GET A CUTE GIRL WITH YOU TO A DARK CORNER OF THE HALL WAY, YOUR BODIES GETTING CLOSER, AND YOU'RE HOLDING HER HAND...
.....
HEY, KAZUYA ! ARE YOU LISTEN-ING !?
OH, SORRY! I WAS ZONING OUT.
ドーン!
BANG

WHACK WHACK WHACK
スパパパパーン
しゅうううう
FSSHHHH
IF YOU'VE GOT SO MUCH FREE TIME TO BE MAKING UP STUPID PLANS LIKE THAT ...
HOW ABOUT YOU START POLISHING YOUR HOMEWORK THAT'S DUE FOR FIFTH PERIOD!
GRAB
WHY SO SERIOUS, CLASS REPRESENTATIVE?
... POLISHING !?
... HOME-WORK ?

OH NO !!! I FOR-GOT !!
HOW COULD I THINK ABOUT HOME-WORK ANYWAY, YESTERDAY ?!
SNAP
カブっ
I BEG YOU, OSAMU! LET ME COPY YOURS !!
IF YOU COLOR TWENTY OF MY MANGA PAGES IT'S A DEAL!
FWWP
YOU DEVIL !
GRAB
むんず
COPY ...? WHAT MIGHT YOU BE TALKING ABOUT ...?
THERE'S STILL 30 MINUTES OF LUNCH BREAK LEFT, SO YOU'D BETTER DO IT YOURSELF!! COME WITH ME!!
WHA-AA-AA-AH !! !!
DRAG
ずりりりり
AMEN
KAZUYA, FORGIVE US! THERE WAS NOTHING WE COULD HAVE DONE.


LIBRARY

UHUUUH !! I CAN'T DO IT RIGHT NOW! LET ME COPY YOURS!
YOU CAN DO IT RIGHT NOW! STOP MOVING YOUR MOUTH AND START MOVING THAT HAND!!
AND BY THE WAY, THIS IS WRONG !!
バッシ バッシ
SMACK SMACK
UHU-UUH ...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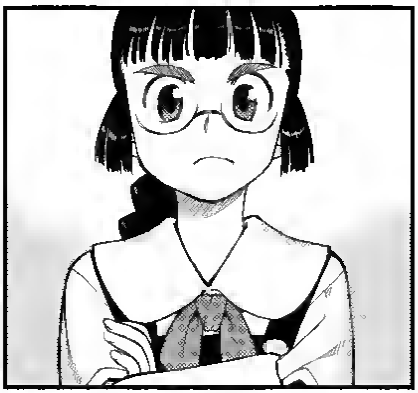
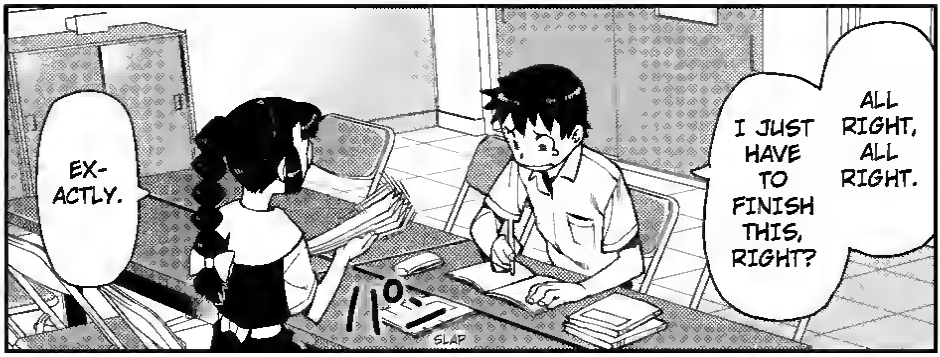
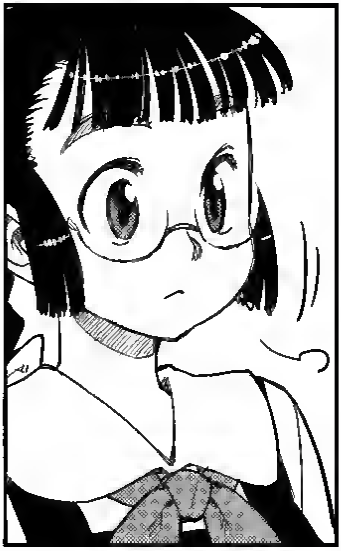
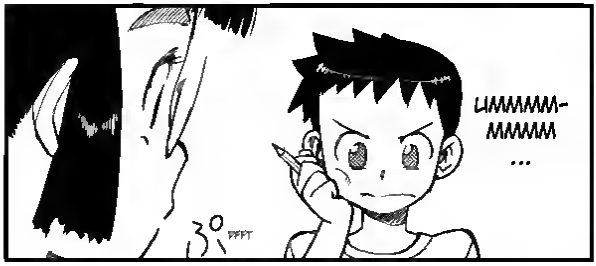



ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT.
I JUST HAVE TO FINISH THIS, RIGHT?
EX-ACTLY.
SLAP

UMMM ...

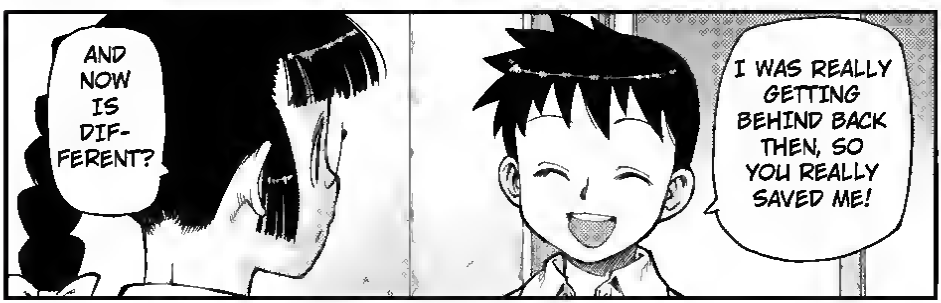


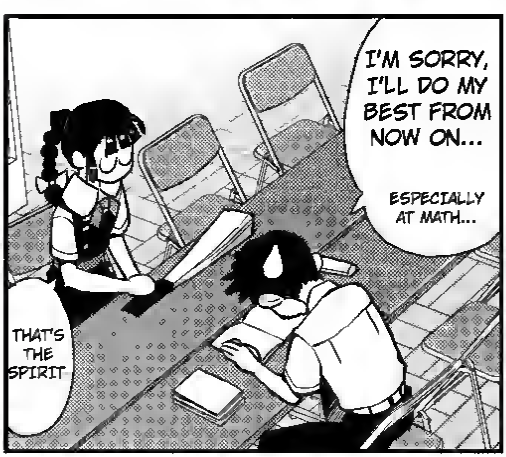

UMMMMM-MMMM ...
PFFT

NO, IT'S NOTHING.
I'M SORRY.

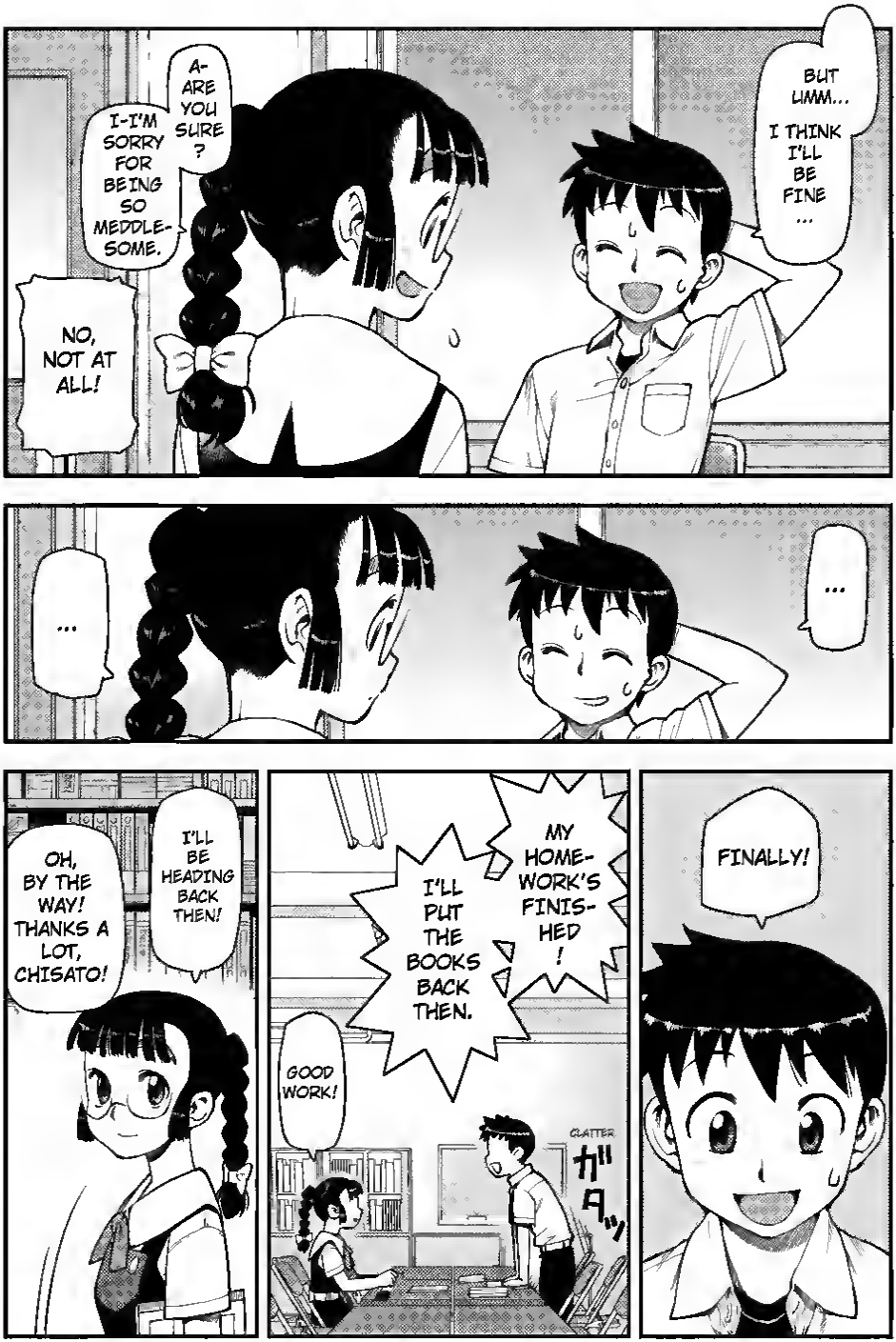
HUH? WHAT? HAVE I MADE A MISTAKE !?
HAHA HAHAHA

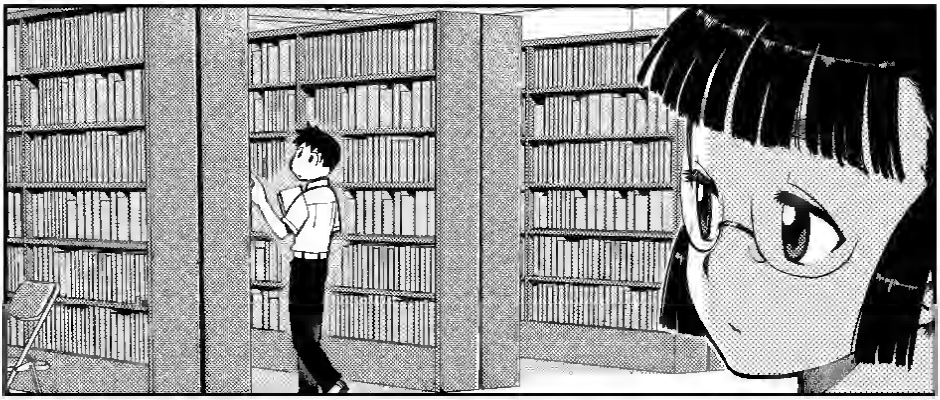
THIS REMINDS ME OF THE TIMES THAT I HELPED YOU STUDY WHEN WE WERE YOUNGER.
OH.... YOU'RE RIGHT! YOU REALLY HELPED ME BACK THEN!
DON'T MENTION IT.

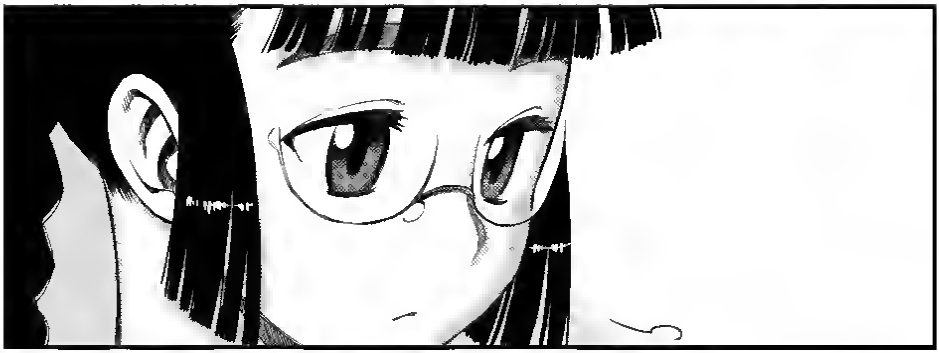

I WAS REALLY GETTING BEHIND BACK THEN, SO YOU REALLY SAVED ME!
AND NOW IS DIF-FERENT?

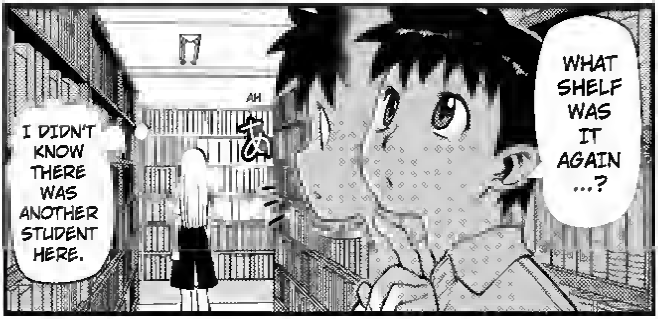

I'M SORRY, I'LL DO MY BEST FROM NOW ON...
ESPECIALLY AT MATH...
THAT'S THE SPIRIT

UMM, KAZUYA ...
YES ?
YOU KNOW, IF YOU'D LIKE ...
I COULD COME TO YOUR HOUSE AGAIN NOW AND THEN...
I COULD HELP YOU STUDY.
I KIND OF LIKE HELPING PEOPLE WITH THEIR STUDIES, TO BE HONEST.
REALLY ? THAT WOULD BE NICE!
THEN, FEEL FREE TO...

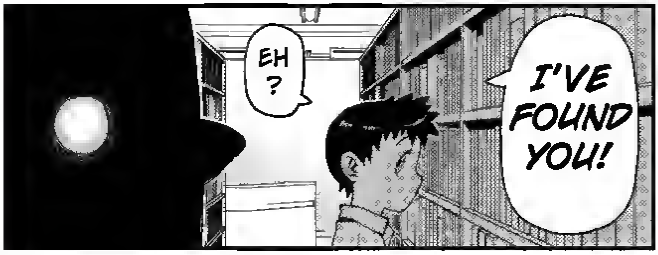

BUT UMM... I THINK I'LL BE FINE ...
A-ARE YOU SURE?
I-I'M SORRY FOR BEING SO MEDDLE-SOME.
NO, NOT AT ALL!
...
...
FINALLY!
MY HOME-WORK'S FINIS-HED!
I'LL PUT THE BOOKS BACK THEN.
GOOD WORK!
CLATTER
ガタッ
I'LL BE HEADING BACK THEN!
OH, BY THE WAY! THANKS A LOT, CHISATO!





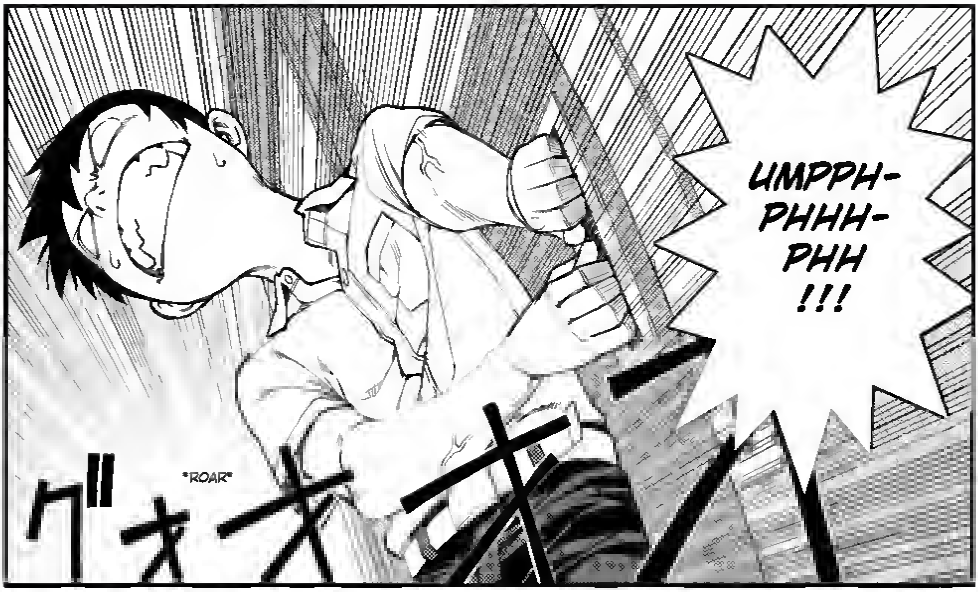

I DIDN'T KNOW THERE WAS ANOTHER STUDENT HERE.
AH
WHAT SHELF WAS IT AGAIN ...?

HUH ?


EH ?
I'VE FOUND YOU!

KAZU-
YAAA
?
MENACING ATMOSPHERE

W-WHAT HAP-PENED?
!?
SURPRISE
ビクッ
AHHHHHHH
あぁぁぁぁ
NOTHING.
DA-DUN
どーん
TRIVIAL THINGS ASIDE, I THOUGHT YOU HEADED BACK?
WELL…
???
I JUST GOT BUMPED, BEATEN AND SQUEEZED A LITTLE BIT…
NO-THING, NO-THING!
W-WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOUR FACE!?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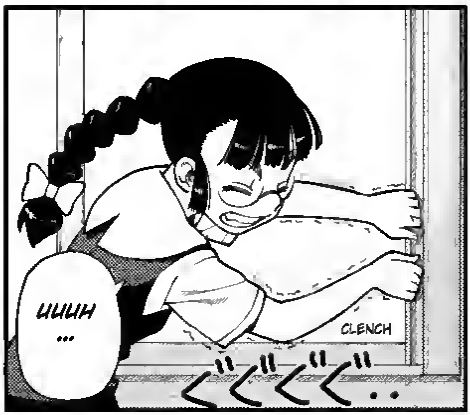
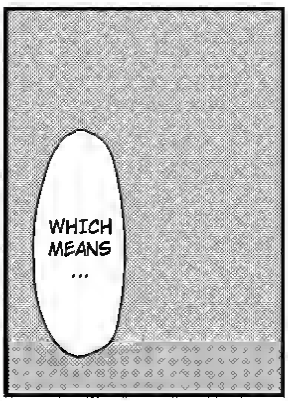
PHHH-
PHH
!!!
"ROAR"

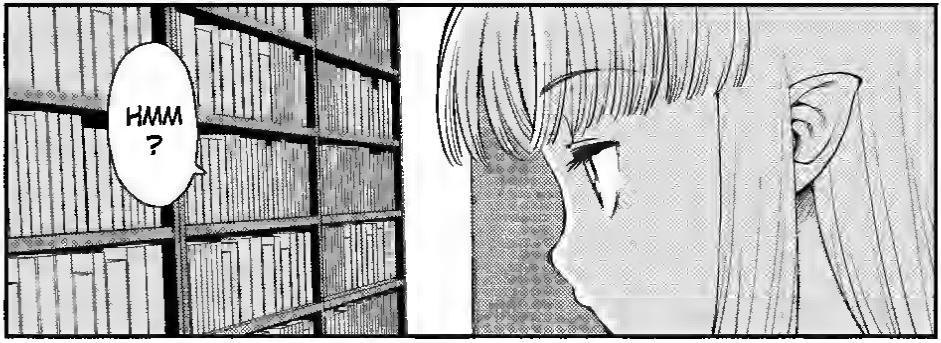

UUUH
...
CLENCH

IT'S NOT POSSIBLE. IT WON'T EVEN MOVE AN INCH.

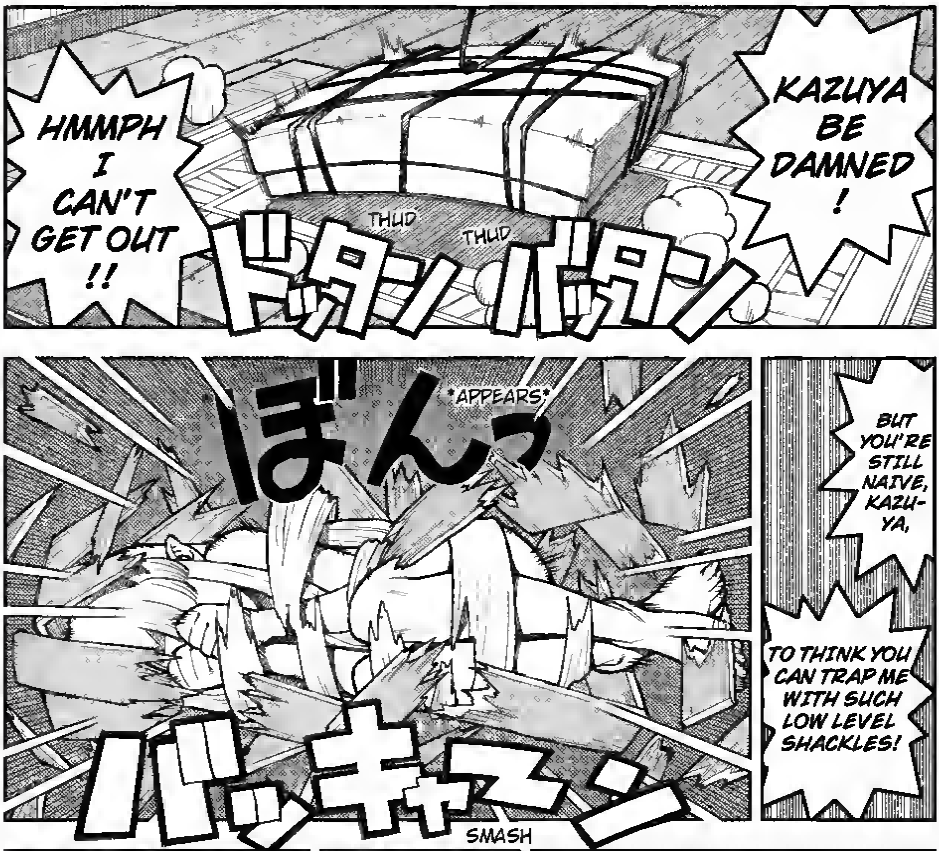

WHICH MEANS ...

AND BOTH THE FRONT DOOR AND THE BACK DOOR WON'T OPEN EITHER.
EVEN THE WINDOWS ARE STUCK.

WE'RE LOCKED IN ...?


HMM?

THE GREAT ESCAPE



CHAPTER 4: LIBRARY AND CHILDHOOD FRIEND 2

LIBRARY
WHICH MEANS ...

WE'RE LOCKED IN ...?

ガキィン
CLAAAAANG
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ROAR
ぼろ…
"DAMAGED"
THAT DOESN'T WORK EITHER.

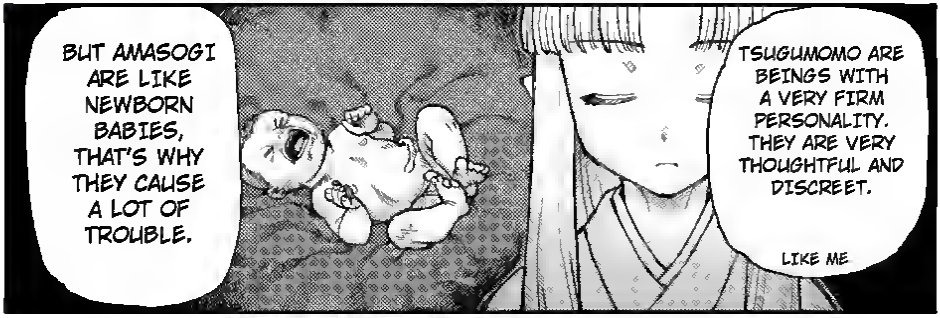
NOT ONLY WILL IT NOT OPEN, WE CAN'T EVEN BREAK THROUGH IT.
WHAT SHOULD WE DO ...?
CLATTER
OH GOSH ...
SURPRISE
WHA-HAHA HAHA!!
TA-DAH

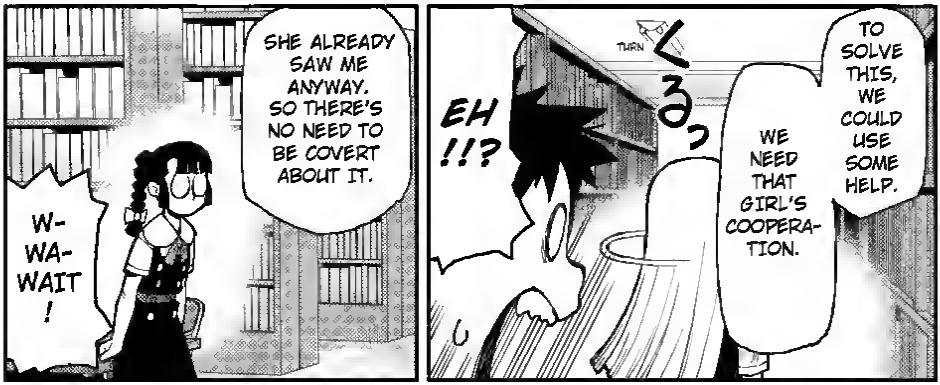
YOU SEEM TROUBLED, KAZUYA.
THAT'S WHAT YOU GET FOR TRYING TO DITCH ME.
ビィィィ
PSHAAAW
ふわあ…
FLOW UP.
HUH ?
がしっ
GRAB
ばっ
WHOMF

WAIT OVER THERE, CHISATO !!
HUH ? OKAY ...
WHAT ARE YOU GETTING SO HEATED UP OVER, FROM EARLY NOON ALREADY...
W-WHAT? DIDN'T I TELL YOU NOT TO COME HERE LIKE THIS !!?
OH !
IT MUST BE YOU WHO'S RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL OF THIS!!
HMM? I DON'T DEAL IN PUSSY-FOOTING WAYS LIKE THIS.
WHO DO YOU THINK I AM ?
I JUST HAD TO PUNCH YOU AGAIN.
HOW DARE YOU SUSPECT YOUR MASTER LIKE THAT !!?
UUMPHH ...
I FORGOT ...
WELL NOW !
ISN'T THERE SOMETHING YOU SHOULD TELL ME?
GROAN

IF YOU BUY ME TEN PIECES OF PUDDING, I'LL FORGIVE YOU.
I'M SO SORRY I LOCKED YOU UP AT HOME, AND LEFT WITHOUT YOU!!
PLEASE HELP US OUT OF THIS MESS!!
EXACTLY! THAT'S HOW A GOOD BOY SHOULD APOLOGIZE.
DON'T THINK OF ME AS BEING IN THE SAME CATEGORY, YOU FOOL!
LISTEN CAREFULLY.
OTHERS LIKE YOU?
WELL NOW, LOOKING AT THE CURRENT SITUATION,
IT MIGHT BE A GOOD IDEA TO LOOK FOR SIGNS OF ARTIFACT SPIRITS.
YOU CAN GENERALLY CATEGORIZE ARTIFACT SPIRITS IN TWO GROUPS.

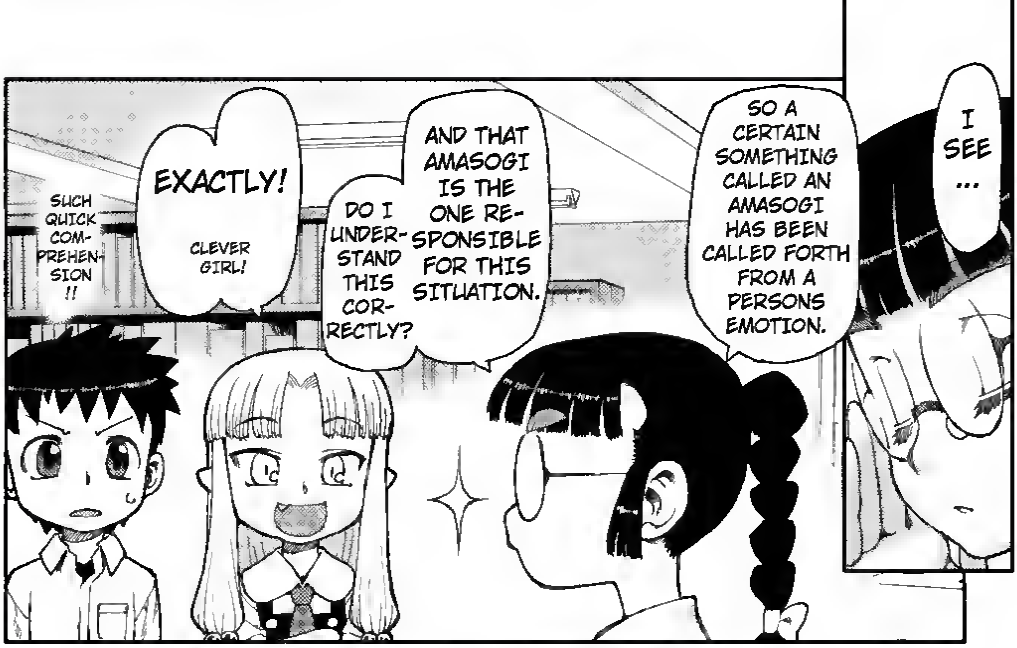
THERE'S MY KIND, THE KIND OF ARTIFACT SPIRITS THAT TAKE MANY YEARS TO MATERIALIZE. WE ARE CALLED "TSUGUMOMO".
ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE... THERE'S THE KIND THAT MATERIALIZES IN AN INSTANT, CALLED FORTH FROM A SUDDEN EMOTION OF, FOR EXAMPLE, ANGER. THE WIGDEMON WE ENCOUNTERED YESTERDAY WAS ONE OF THEM. THEY'RE CALLED "AMASOGI".

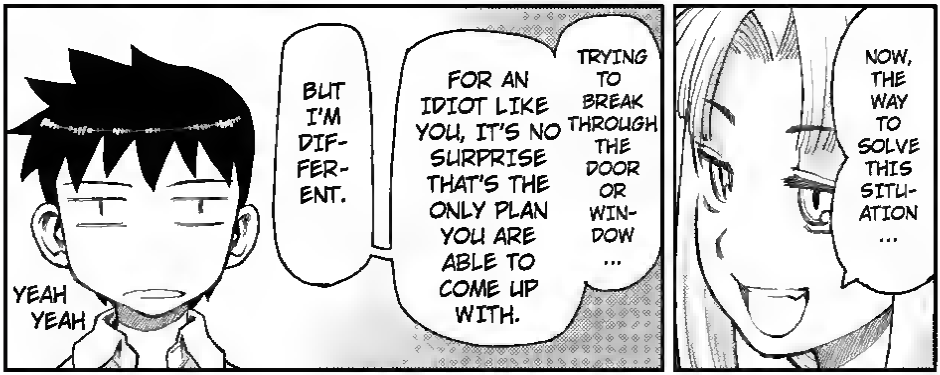

TSUGUMOMO ARE BEINGS WITH A VERY FIRM PERSONALITY. THEY ARE VERY THOUGHTFUL AND DISCREET.
LIKE ME
BUT AMASOGI ARE LIKE NEWBORN BABIES, THAT'S WHY THEY CAUSE A LOT OF TROUBLE.

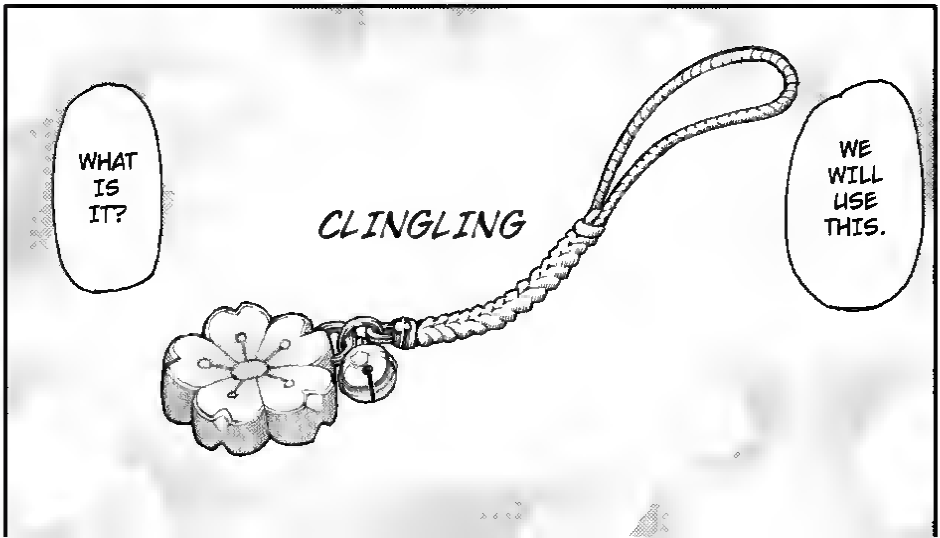

TO SOLVE THIS, WE COULD USE SOME HELP.
WE NEED THAT GIRL'S COOPERATION.
TURN
EH !!?
SHE ALREADY SAW ME ANYWAY. SO THERE'S NO NEED TO BE COVERT ABOUT IT.
W-WA-WAIT !

HMM ?
BEFORE YOU MEET HER, I AT LEAST NEED TO...
A RED SCARF, SO YOU MUST BE FROM 3RD GRADE ...
NICE TO MEET YOU. MY NAME IS CHISATO CHIKAISHI.
FAIR ENOUGH.
I'M AN ARTIFACT BP-
WHA-AAH !!

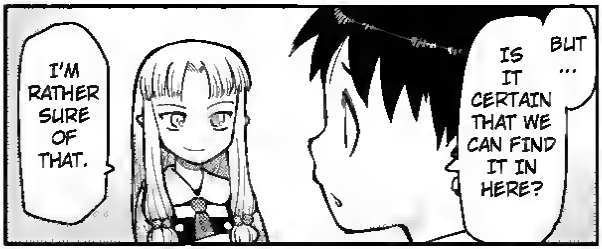
HOW TROUBLE-SOME ...
HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN OUR AGREEMENT ?
SASHIO! NICE TO MEET YOU!
MY NAME IS KIRIHA SASH- ... OH...
SA-SHIO !
I CAME TO THIS SCHOOL TODAY FOR UMM... AN EXCURSION.
AN EX-CUR-SION !
OH... I AM KAZUYA'S ... COUSIN.
COU-SIN !
LOOKING IN WRONG DIRECTION
SOUNDS SO FAKE I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHERE TO START!
EHEM...
HMM ...
SHE SAID SHE CAN HELP US FIND A WAY OUT!
KIRIHA IS OB-SESSED WITH OCCULT STUFF, SO SHE KNOWS A LOT ABOUT SUPER-NATURAL PHENOMENA AND SUCH ...

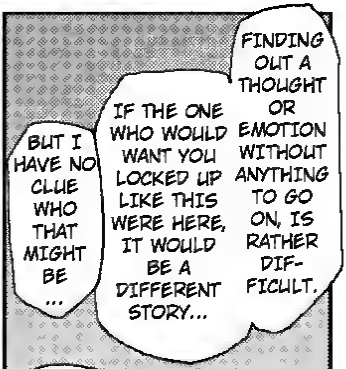

I SEE ...
SO A CERTAIN SOMETHING CALLED AN AMASOGI HAS BEEN CALLED FORTH FROM A PERSONS EMOTION.
AND THAT AMASOGI IS THE ONE RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS SITUATION.
DO I UNDERSTAND THIS CORRECTLY?
EXACTLY!
CLEVER GIRL!
SUCH QUICK COMPREHENSION !!


NOW, THE WAY TO SOLVE THIS SITUATION ...
TRYING TO BREAK THROUGH THE DOOR OR WINDOW ...
FOR AN IDIOT LIKE YOU, IT'S NO SURPRISE THAT'S THE ONLY PLAN YOU ARE ABLE TO COME UP WITH.
BUT I'M DIFFERENT.
YEAH YEAH


WE WILL USE THIS.
CLINGLING
WHAT IS IT?

IT'S A DEVICE WOVEN FROM MY OWN HAIR, IT'S A ROOT DETECTOR.
IT REACTS TO AMASOGI, TSUGUMOMO AND OTHER TYPES OF SPIRITS.
THIS SITUATION MUST BE CAUSED BY A CERTAIN ITEM THAT HAS SOME EMOTION OR THOUGHT CONNECTED TO IT.
IF WE FIND OUT THIS EMOTION OR THOUGHT, IT MIGHT BE EASY TO SOLVE.
BUT,


BUT ...
IS IT CERTAIN THAT WE CAN FIND IT IN HERE?
I'M RATHER SURE OF THAT.


FINDING OUT A THOUGHT OR EMOTION WITHOUT ANYTHING TO GO ON, IS RATHER DIFFICULT.
IF THE ONE WHO WOULD WANT YOU LOCKED UP LIKE THIS WERE HERE, IT WOULD BE A DIFFERENT STORY...
BUT I HAVE NO CLUE WHO THAT MIGHT BE ...

IN ORDER TO CLOSE DOWN A PLACE THIS SPACY, GREAT POWER WOULD BE NECESSARY.
AND IF THERE'S DISTANCE BETWEEN THE SOURCE OF POWER, THE POWER WEAKENS.
IN OTHER WORDS, THE CHANCE IT'S HERE IS BIG.

SO WE JUST HAVE TO LOOK DIRECTLY FOR THE AMASOGI, AND DESTROY IT. WE'RE GOING TO FIND IT USING THIS.
POINT
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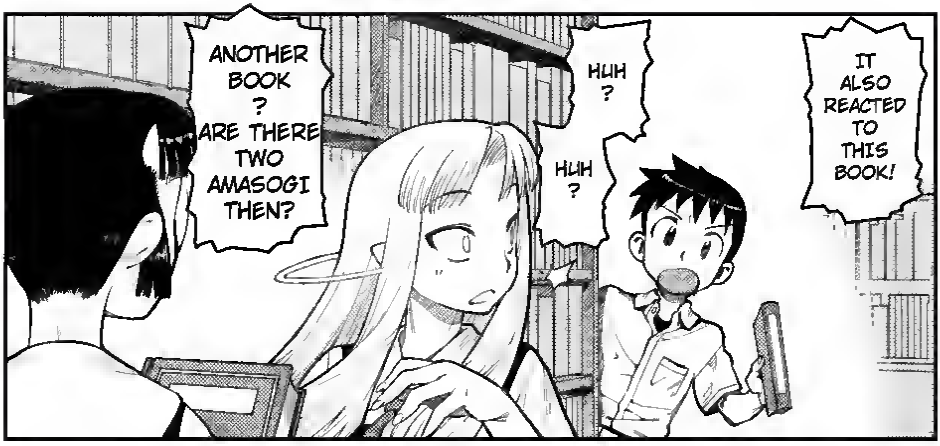
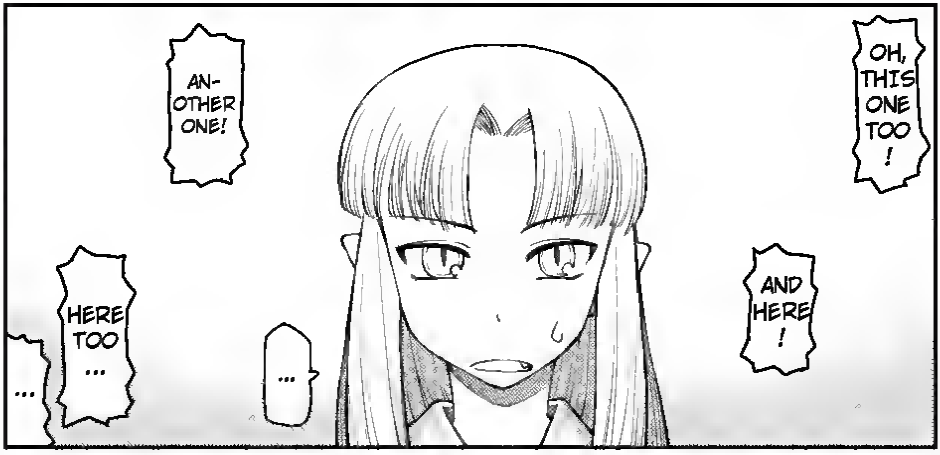
!!!
CLINGLING CLINGLING
HOW ABOUT YOU START MOVING THAT ASS, YOU SERVANT !!
I WONDER IF THAT'S TRUE
SERVANT ?
LET ME CHECK IT!
GIVE IT TO ME, QUICK!
UMM...
I FOUND IT! IT'S THIS BOOK!
CLING-LING
CLING-LING

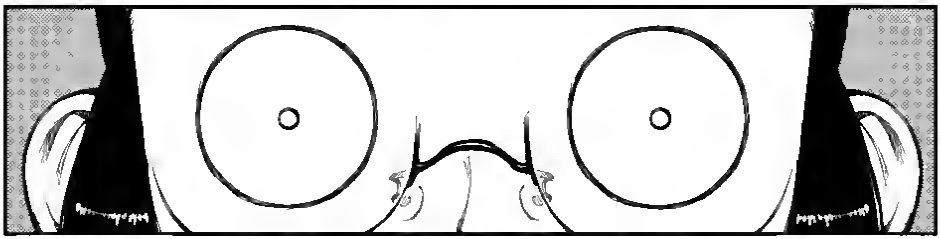

ANOTHER BOOK ? ARE THERE TWO AMASOGI THEN?
HUH ?
HUH ?
IT ALSO REACTED TO THIS BOOK!

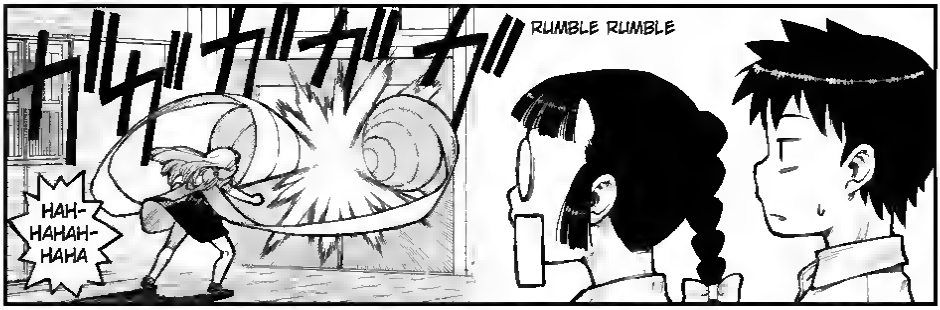

AN-OTHER ONE!
OH, THIS ONE TOO !
HERE TOO ...
...
...
AND HERE !

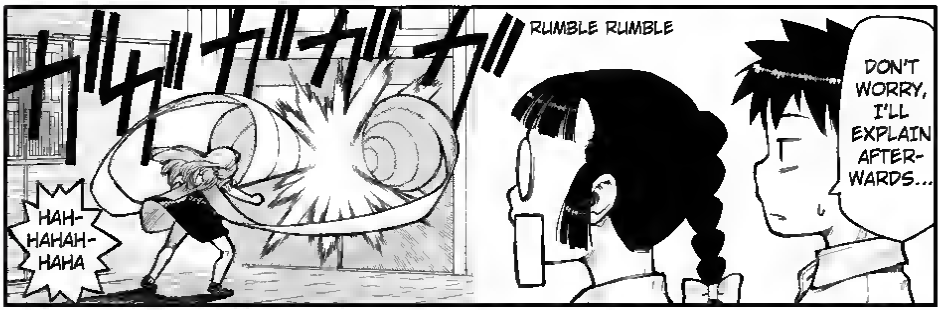
HMM ?
CLING-LING
... I'M NO EXPERT, BUT IT SEEMS TO REACT TO ANYTHING.

AS LONG AS WE GET OUT OF HERE, ANY MEANS WILL DO.
OH WELL ...
ジャキン
SO LET'S CRUSH THOSE DOORS TO SMITHER-EEEENS!!!
JUST AS I THOUG-HT!

VSSSSHHHHHHHH




RUMBLE RUMBLE
HAH-HAHAH-HAHA


RUMBLE RUMBLE
DON'T WORRY, I'LL EXPLAIN AFTER-WARDS...
HAH-HAHAH-HAHA

パキ
CRACK
I'M GOING TO MAKE A HOLE IN THE BARRIER.
JUST A LITTLE BIT MORE!
ピシ ピシ
PEEP PEEP PEEP
ピシ!
ガガガガガガ
RUMBLE
ドバッ
FWOOSH
WHAT !!?

ヒュウ
PWOOSH

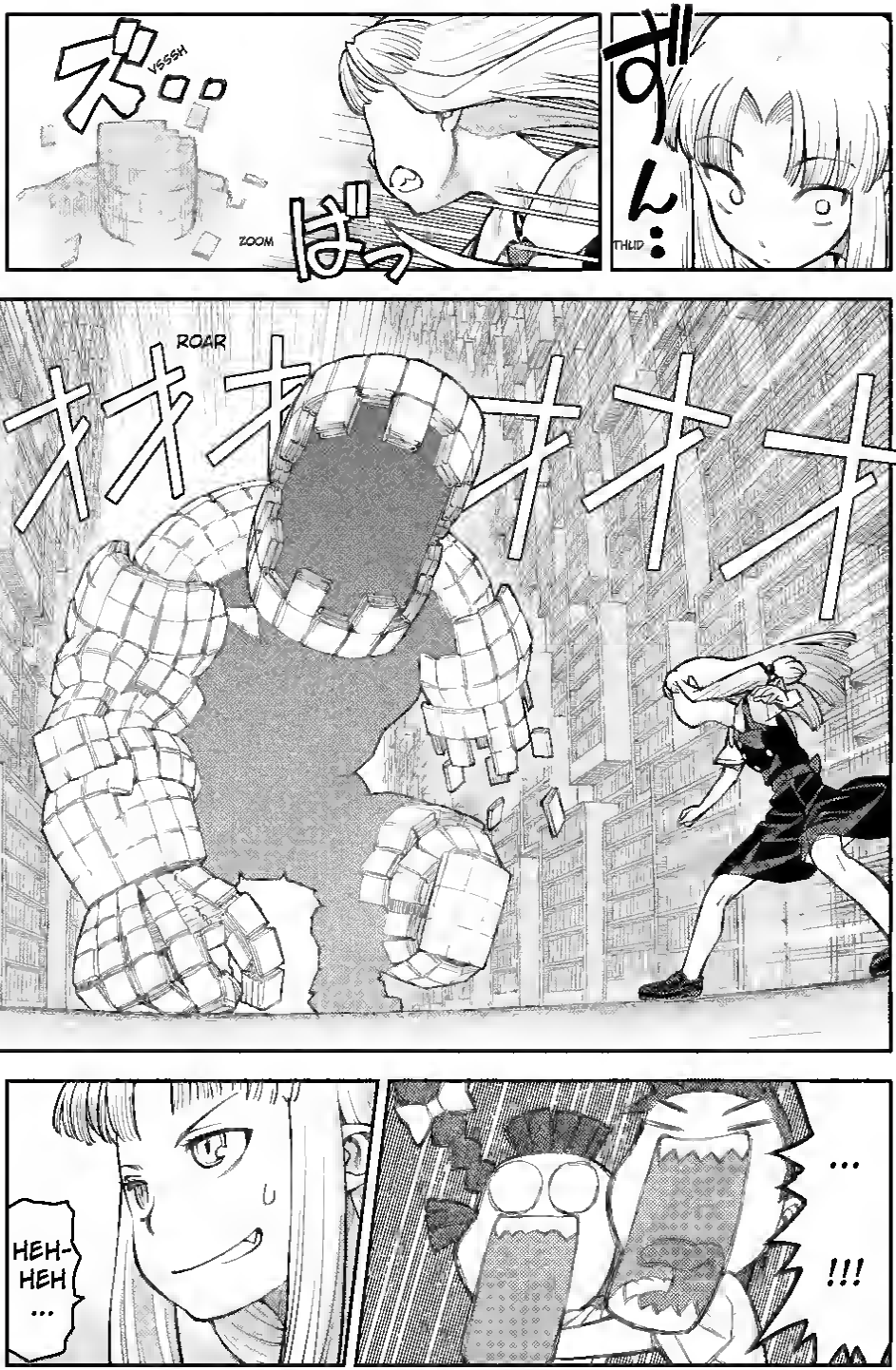
OH, I SEE.
ズズズズ
SO THE LIBRARY AS A WHOLE IS AN AMASOGI.
ゴゴゴ
ゴゴゴ..
MENACING ATMOSPHERE
ばっ
WOOSH
STAY BACK!

BURST
ドヒュ
WHOOSH
THWACK THWACK THWACK
ドカカカカッ
SASH
SHIELD
!!
ばん!!
BANG
SO I'M THE ONLY TARGET.
ちら
GLANCE
RUMBLE RUMBLE
ガガ
ガガ

KIRIHA !! ABOVE YOU!
ゴゴゴゴ…
MENACE
ボッ
ガドン
BAM
IGNITE
JOLT
ドゴォ
KER-BONK
SASH HAMMER !
ゴッ
ガガガガ
WHOOSH
RUMBLE RUMBLE
FWISH

ばらばらばら
SCATTER SCATTER
トッ
JUMP
WHO-OPS!
ばっ
JUMP
BASH BASH BASH
ドガガガ
HA HA HA HA
はは
はは
はは
ドカ
BOOM
ドカ
BOOM
ドカ
BOOM
だだだだだ
RUN AWAY

WOOSH
OUT OF MY WAY !!
SLAP
WHAH !!
CRAP ...
PSSHHH
I SEE !
!
WHOOSH
BOOM
THUD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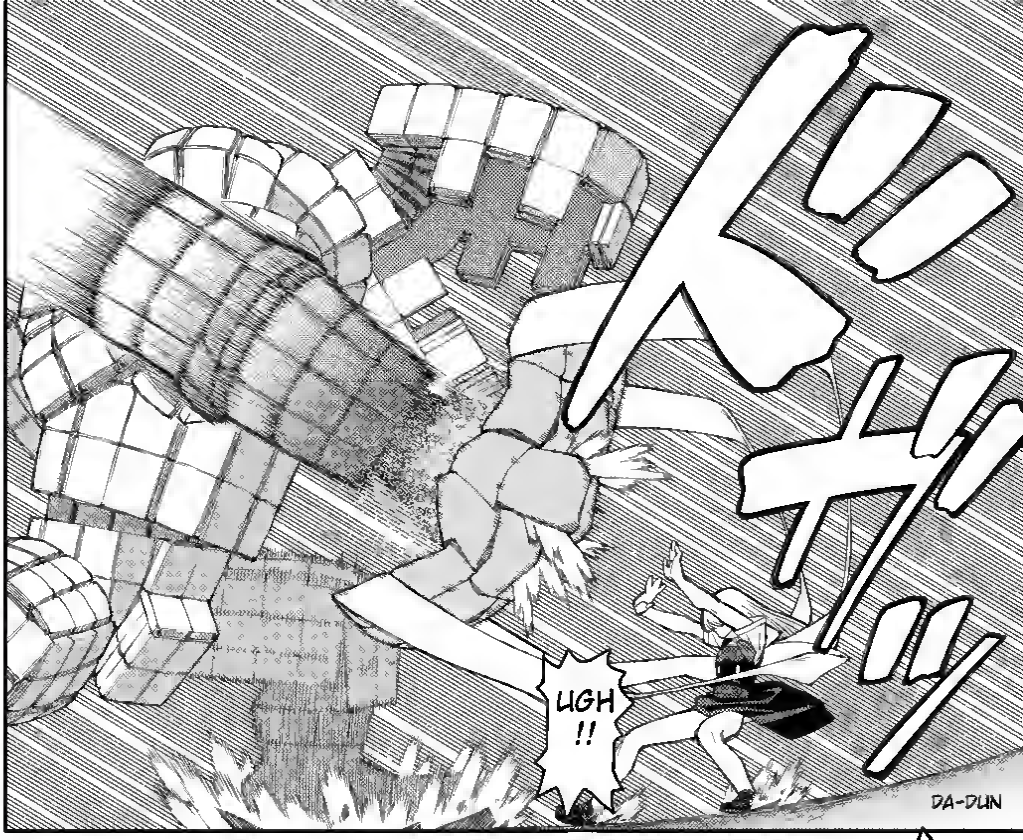
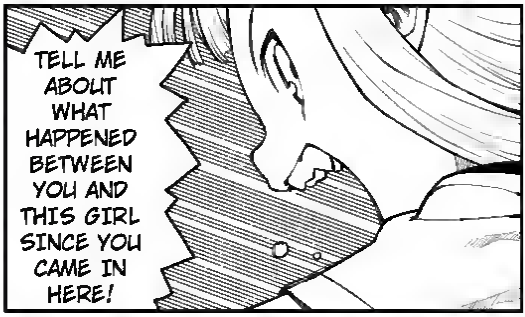
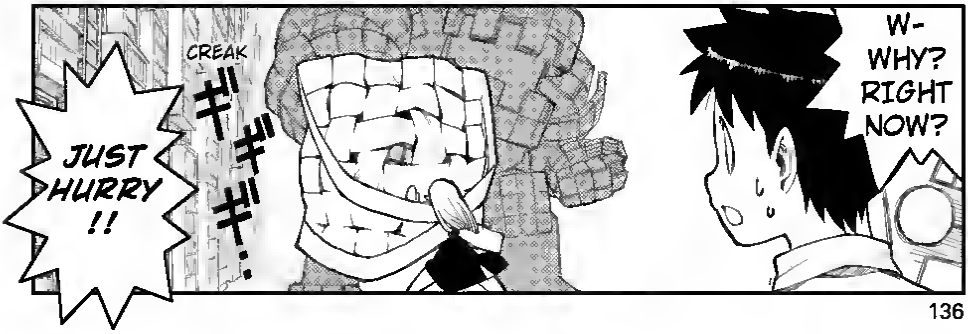

ドゴォッ
UGH !!
DA-DUN

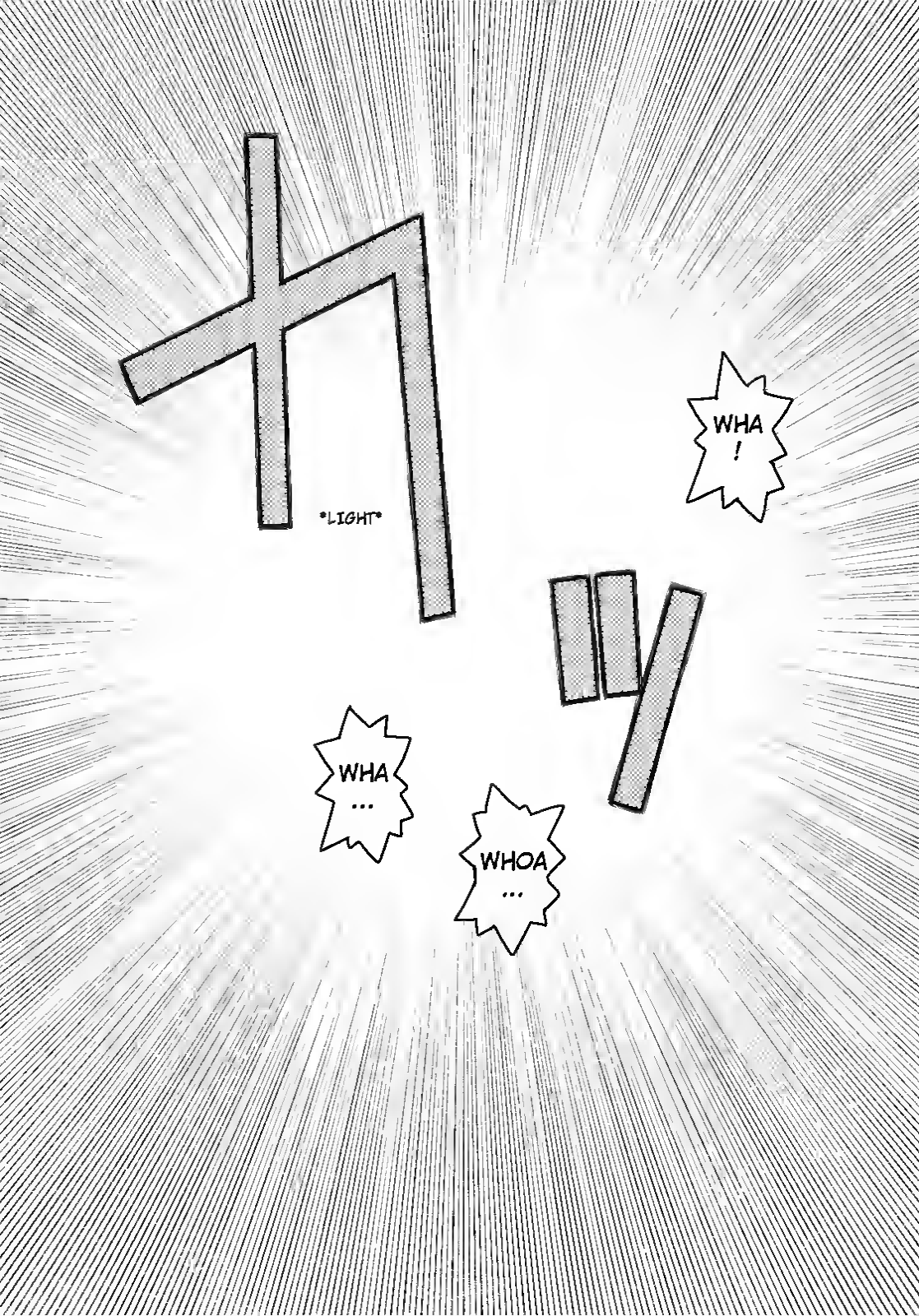

TELL ME ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED BETWEEN YOU AND THIS GIRL SINCE YOU CAME IN HERE!

Y-YES ?
KAZU-YA !!
ビクッ!!
SHOCK

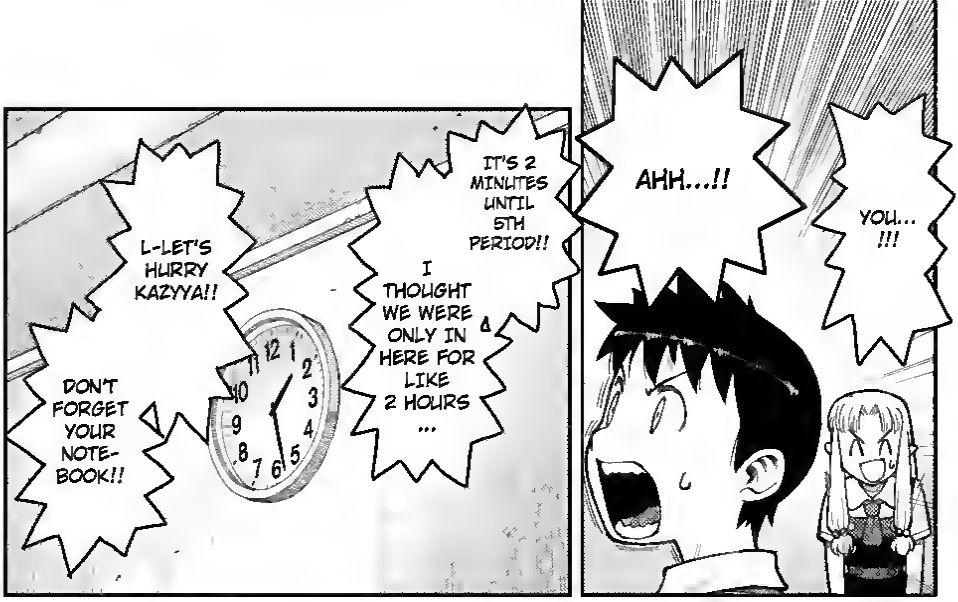

JUST HURRY !!
CREAK
ギギギ…
W-WHY? RIGHT NOW?

PHWAASSH
YES?
UMM... ... I WAS BROUGHT HERE BY CHISATO ...
URK
SLAM
YES, AND !?
WE TOOK SOME BOOKS FROM THE LIBRARY FOR MY HOMEWORK ...
SWOOSH
AND THEN ?
SPLAT
AND AS I WAS STRUGGLING, SHE HIT ME SEVERAL TIMES WITH HER PAPER FAN...
AND THEN SHE OFFERED TO COME TO MY HOUSE TO HELP ME WITH MY STUDIES ... WHICH I REFUSED!
THAT'S IT !!

GRANT HER WISH!!
WHAT BRINGS FORTH AMASOGI ARE EMOTIONS !!
THE HOST IS THE GIRL!!
DON'T YOU UNDER-STAND!?
W-WHAT DO YOU MEAN!?
HEART THUMP
LIGHT
CHI-SATO!
Y-
YES ?
I SEE !
WILL YOU COME TO MY HOUSE TO HELP ME WITH MY STUDIES NEXT TIME?
OKAY.


LIGHT
WHA!
WHA...
WHOA...

HEH-HE-HEH. YOU CAN THANK ME NOW.
POP POP
W-...
WE'RE BACK!!
...
...
HMM, HAVE YOU?
IT'S BEEN A GOOD EXPER-IENCE THEN.
I THINK I JUST UNDERSTOOD ... A LITTLE BIT, ABOUT AMASOGI.
THANKS A LOT, KIRIHA!
I NEVER KNEW YOU LIKED HELPING PEOPLE STUDY THAT MUCH...
W-
WHAT IS IT?
AND, CHISATO ...
TWINGE
それ…


AHH...!!
YOU... !!!
IT'S 2 MINUTES UNTIL 5TH PERIOD!!
I THOUGHT WE WERE ONLY IN HERE FOR LIKE 2 HOURS ...
L-LET'S HURRY KAZYYA!!
DON'T FORGET YOUR NOTE-BOOK!!

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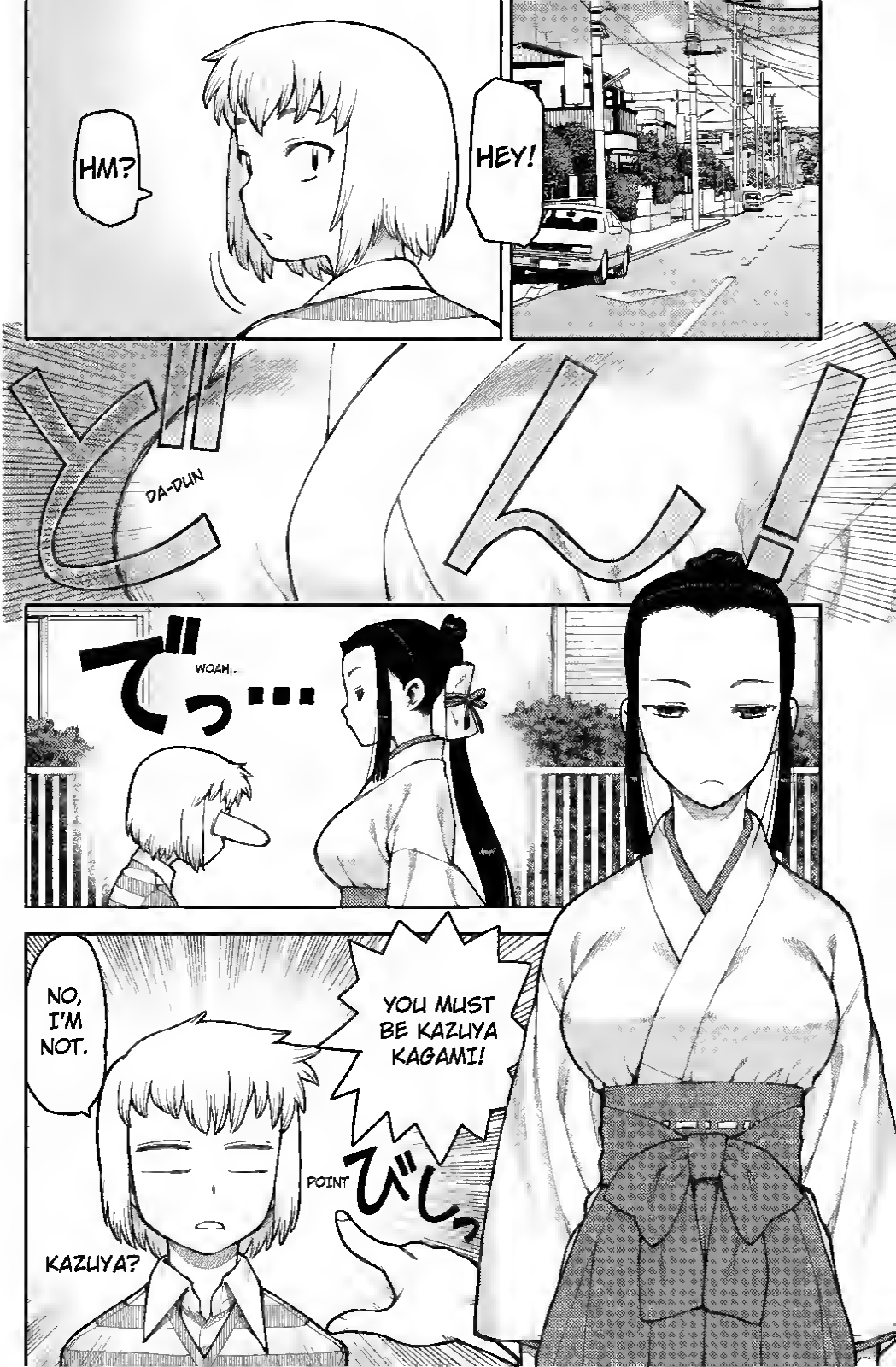
ANYTHING WILL DO

AFTER THE END OF CHAPTER 4

CHAPTER 5: CURSE


HM?
HEY!
DA-DUN
WOAH..
でっ…
NO, I'M NOT.
YOU MUST BE KAZUYA KAGAMI!
POINT
びしっ
KAZUYA?

SHOW
BUT YOU'RE THE SAME AS THIS PIC-TURE.
THAT LOOKS NOTHING LIKE ME!
HEY !! WAIT A SECOND!
WHAT IS IT? I'M BUSY YOU SEE.
EH?
IN THAT CASE, I HAVE NO BUSI-NESS WITH YOU.
TURN
KAZUYA AND ME ARE FRIENDS, YOU KNOW.
WHAT!? LEAD ME TO HIM NOW!
ALL RIGHT, BUT IN EXCHANGE I WANT YOU...

すうう
SIGH
TREMBLE
ぷるぷる
HERE I GO!
ごくっ
GULP
WHAH !!
WHY DO I FEEL LIKE THIS, EVEN THOUGH I'M JUST PUSHING THE INTERPHONE !!!?
ふぁあっ
WAHHH
A FRIEND OF KAZ MAYBE?

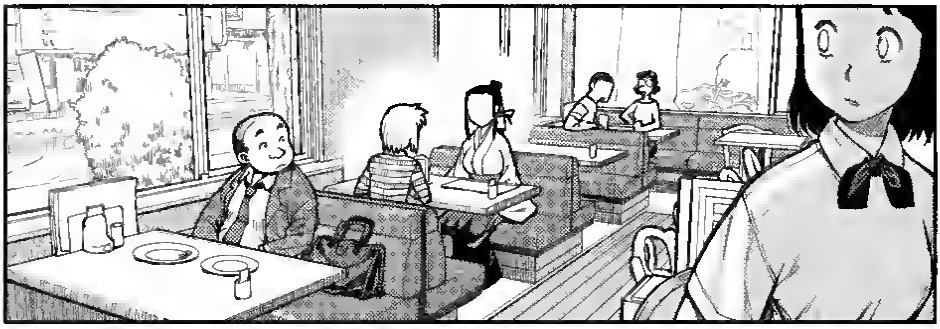
THIS STEEP STAIR-CASE ...
WHEN I CLIMBED IT FOR THE FIRST TIME, I WAS SO SCARED! KAZUYA HELD ME BY THE HAND AND HELPED ME UP.
KNOCK KNOCK
...
KAZUYA ?
KNOCK KNOCK
WOW, CHISATO! YOU'VE BECOME SO BEAUTIFUL, I DIDN'T RECOGNIZE YOU!
OH, PLEASE DON'T SAY THAT.
IT MUST HAVE BEEN ABOUT TWO YEARS AGO THAT YOU'VE BEEN HERE.
I WISH KAZ WOULD HAVE TOLD ME YOU WERE COMING.
COME ON IN!
KAZ SHOULD BE IN HIS ROOM.
T-THANK YOU.
EXCUSE ME FOR COMING UN-EXPEC-TEDLY LIKE THIS.

I'M COMING IN ...?
KER-CHAK
ガチャ

すくっ
GET UP
すちゃ
SWISH
しゅる
FWWSH
BE PUR-GED !!
BE PUR-GED !!
BE PUR-GED !!!
バシィ
バババ
BE PUR-GED !!
FAN UPPERCUT ←↓↙Ⓟ
FAN THRUST ←Ⓟ
BAM BAM BAM
DEMON FAN ←←←Ⓟ
FAN SLAP ←↓↙↓Ⓟ
WHAT'S ALL THIS NOISE?
FLINCH
ビクッ
FLINCH
ビクッ
FWWSH
しゅう。。。

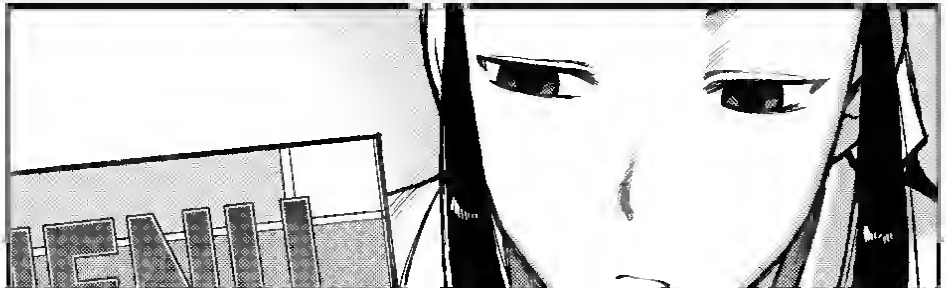
OKAY.
WOULD YOU COME TO MY HOUSE TO HELP ME STUDY ?
OH, I SEE. IT'S THE APPOINT-MENT YOU MADE IN THE LIBRARY.
KIRIHA, GO BACK TO YOUR BED!
Y-YOU GOT IT WRONG...! WE WERE SLEEPING SEPARATELY, OF COURSE.
DON'T ORDER ME ARO-UND.
PUSH
DON'T TELL ME YOU ARE SHARING YOUR BED !!?
IT'S SHAME-LESS!! IT'S IN-DECENT !!
YOU CAN'T ACT LIKE YOU'RE A 7 YEAR OLD ANY-MORE!!
GAHHHH
NO. 2
...
OH, RIGHT. BUT I SET MY ALARM.
RUB RUB RUB RUB
AND BY THE WAY, DIDN'T WE AGREE WE WOULD STUDY FROM ONE O'CLOCK?

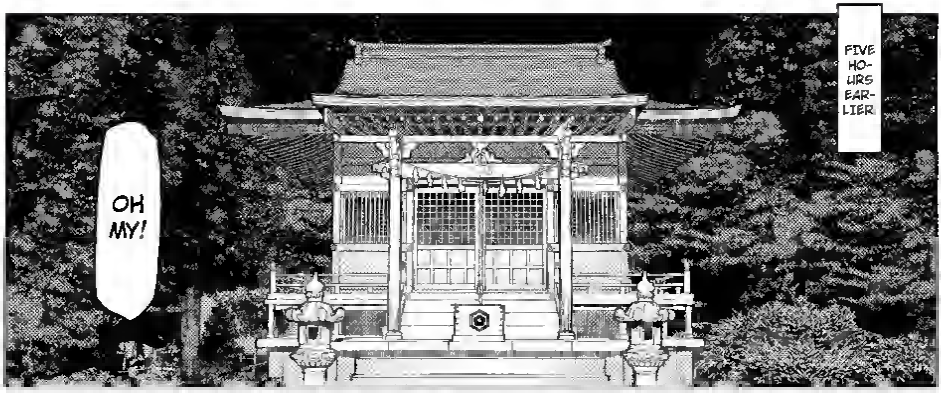
...
...
IT WAS DISTURBING MY SLEEP.
KIRIHA !!

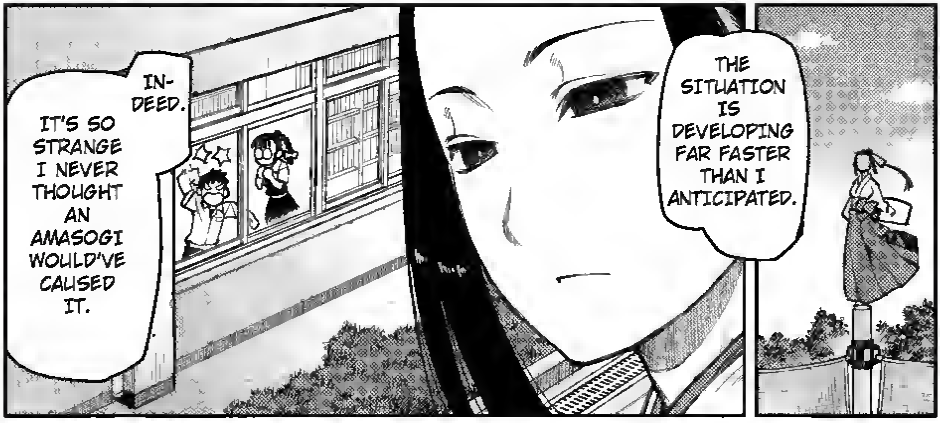


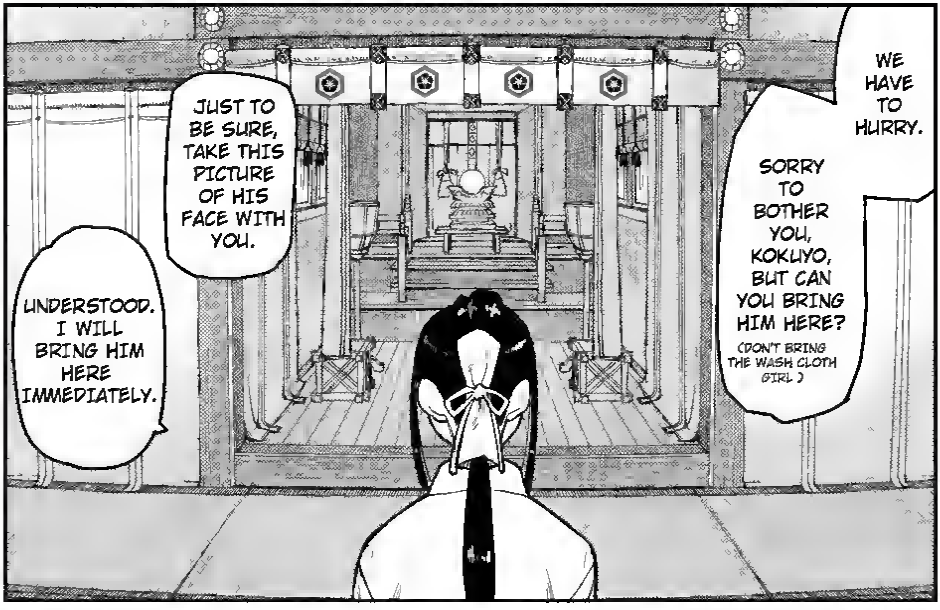
HOW ABOUT WE ORDER SOME-THING?
H-
IF YOU'RE NOT TELLING ME, I'M ...
I NEED TO FULL-FILL MY DUTIES AS SWIFTLY AS POS-SIBLE.
CLATTER
MENU

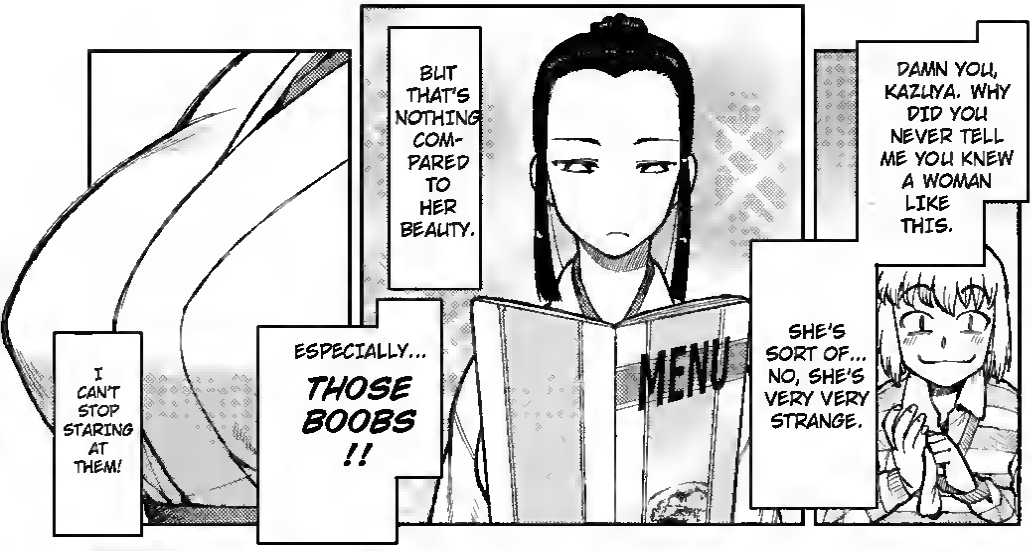
WAIT, TAKE IT EASY. LET'S TALK FOR A MOMENT.
I CAME ALONG WITH YOU. NOW TAKE ME TO KAZUYA.

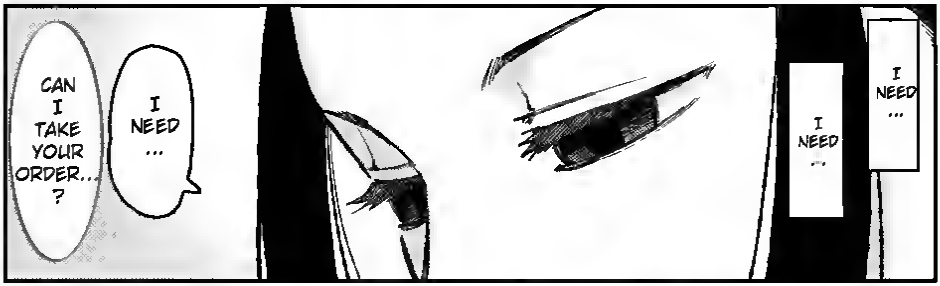


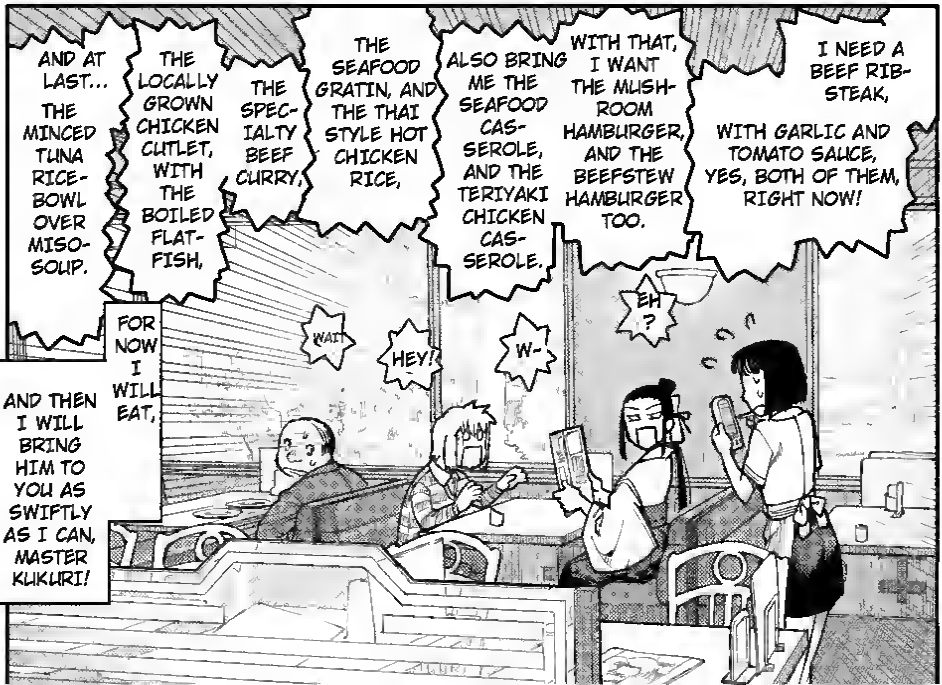

FIVE HOURS EARLIER
OH MY!


THE SITUATION IS DEVELOPING FAR FASTER THAN I ANTICIPATED.
INDEED. IT'S SO STRANGE I NEVER THOUGHT AN AMASOGI WOULD'VE CAUSED IT.

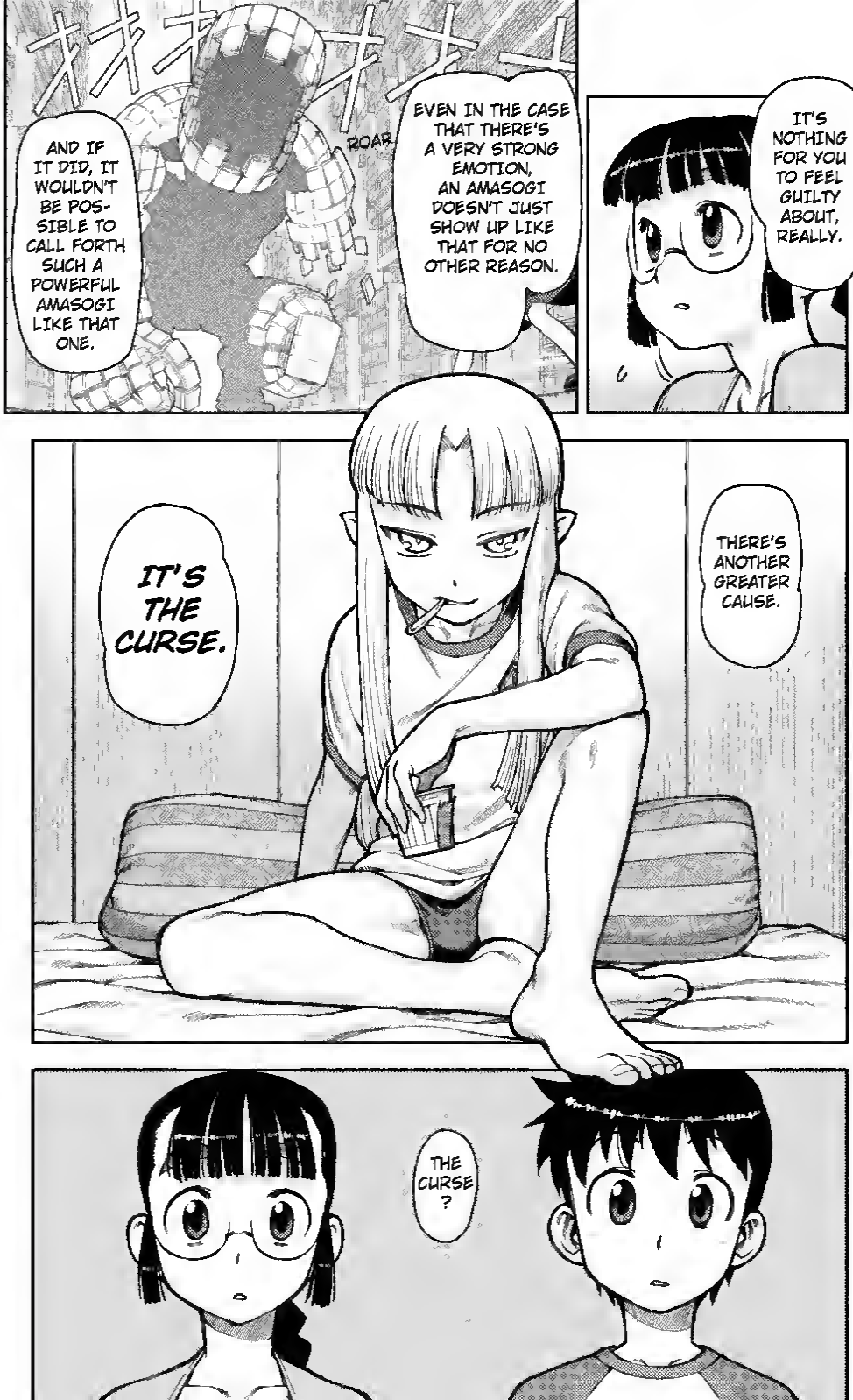

WE HAVE TO HURRY.
SORRY TO BOTHER YOU, KOKUYO, BUT CAN YOU BRING HIM HERE?
(DON'T BRING THE WASH CLOTH GIRL)
JUST TO BE SURE, TAKE THIS PICTURE OF HIS FACE WITH YOU.
UNDERSTOOD. I WILL BRING HIM HERE IMMEDIATELY.

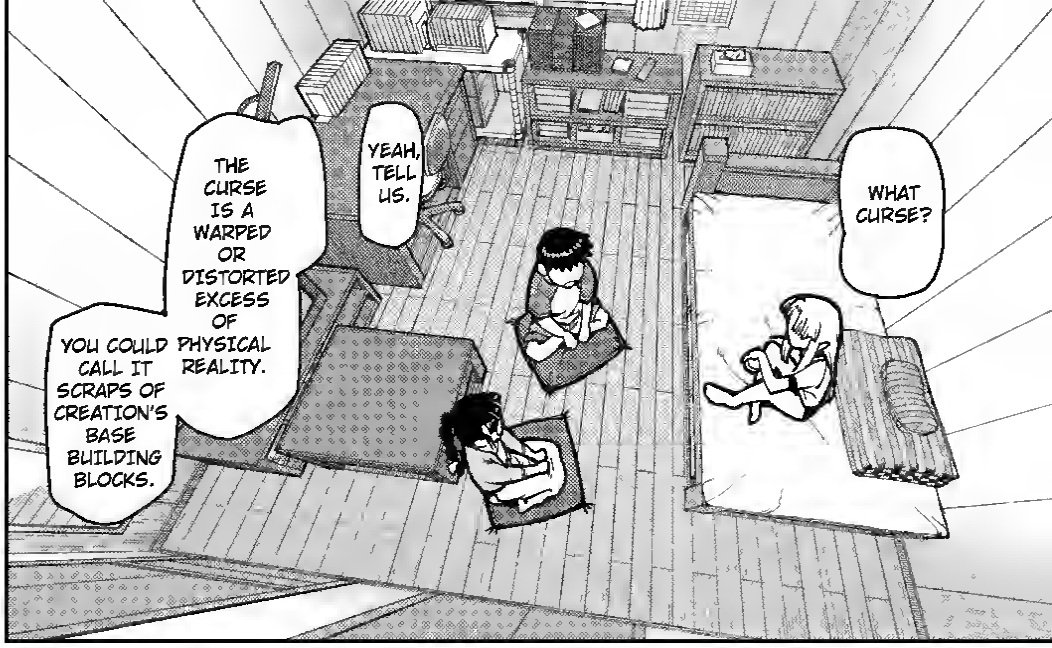

I CAN'T STOP STARING AT THEM!
ESPECIALLY... THOSE BOOBS !!
BUT THAT'S NOTHING COMPARED TO HER BEAUTY.
MENU
SHE'S SORT OF... NO, SHE'S VERY VERY STRANGE.
DAMN YOU, KAZUYA. WHY DID YOU NEVER TELL ME YOU KNEW A WOMAN LIKE THIS.

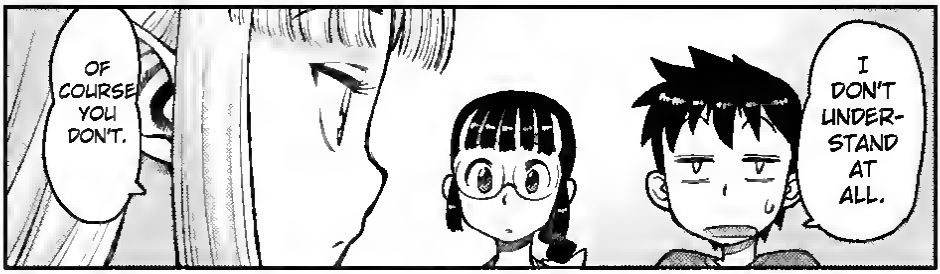

CAN I TAKE YOUR ORDER...?
I NEED ...
I NEED ...
I NEED ...


AND AT LAST... THE MINCED TUNA RICE-BOWL OVER MISO-SOUP.
THE LOCALLY GROWN CHICKEN CUTLET, WITH THE BOILED FLAT-FISH,
THE SPECIALTY BEEF CURRY,
THE SEAFOOD GRATIN, AND THE THAI STYLE HOT CHICKEN RICE,
ALSO BRING ME THE SEAFOOD CASSEROLE, AND THE TERIYAKI CHICKEN CASSEROLE.
WITH THAT, I WANT THE MUSHROOM HAMBURGER, AND THE BEEFSTEW HAMBURGER TOO.
I NEED A BEEF RIB-STEAK, WITH GARLIC AND TOMATO SAUCE, YES, BOTH OF THEM, RIGHT NOW!
EH?
W-
HEY!
WAIT
FOR NOW I WILL EAT,
AND THEN I WILL BRING HIM TO YOU AS SWIFTLY AS I CAN, MASTER KUKURI!

MM ...
YUM -MY !!
I STILL WANTED TO THANK YOU FOR YESTER-DAY, SO I BOUGHT YOU THIS.
IT'S THE SPECIALTY CREAM-PUDDING OF TAMAKI SWEETS STORE !
I'M REALLY SORRY FOR WHAT HAPPENED YESTERDAY... I STILL FIND IT HARD TO BELIEVE HOW MY SELFISHNESS COULD HAVE CAUSED SUCH A THING.
WOW, THANKS!
KAZUYA, THERE'S ALSO ONE FOR YOU.

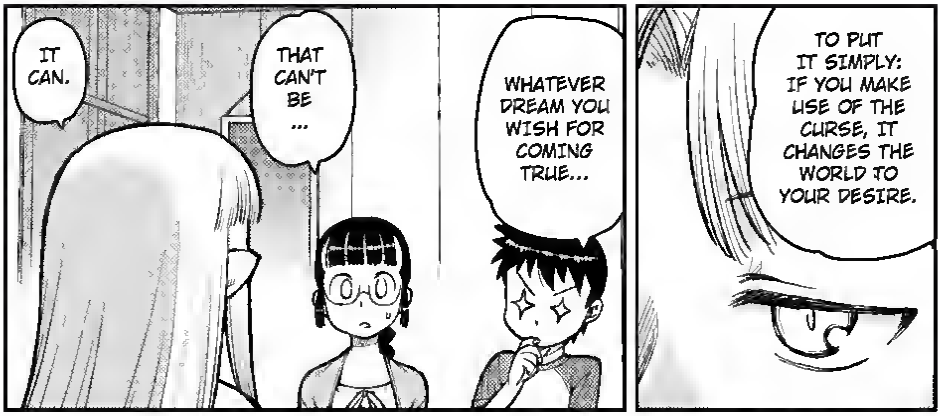

ROAR
AND IF IT DID, IT WOULDN'T BE POSSIBLE TO CALL FORTH SUCH A POWERFUL AMASOGI LIKE THAT ONE.
EVEN IN THE CASE THAT THERE'S A VERY STRONG EMOTION, AN AMASOGI DOESN'T JUST SHOW UP LIKE THAT FOR NO OTHER REASON.
IT'S NOTHING FOR YOU TO FEEL GUILTY ABOUT, REALLY.
IT'S THE CURSE.
THERE'S ANOTHER GREATER CAUSE.
THE CURSE?

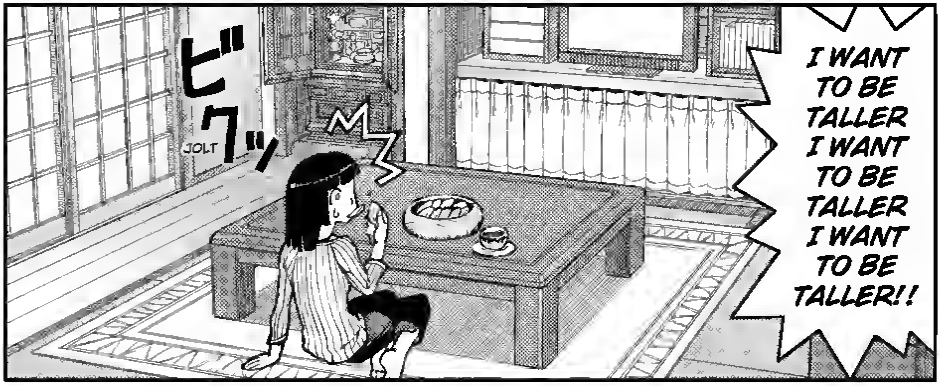

WHAT CURSE?
YEAH, TELL US.
THE CURSE IS A WARPED OR DISTORTED EXCESS OF PHYSICAL REALITY.
YOU COULD CALL IT SCRAPS OF CREATION'S BASE BUILDING BLOCKS.


I DON'T UNDER-STAND AT ALL.
OF COURSE YOU DON'T.

SO, IT'S SOMETHING LIKE MANA IN RPG'S?
OR WHAT-EVER YOU SPIRITS CALL IT ...
MA

IT'S SOME-THING LIKE AIR, EVERY-WHERE PRE-SENT.
IN RESPONSE TO THOUGHTS OR EMOTIONS, IT DISTORTS PHYSICAL REALITY.


WHATEVER DREAM YOU WISH FOR COMING TRUE...
THAT CAN'T BE ...
IT CAN.
TO PUT IT SIMPLY: IF YOU MAKE USE OF THE CURSE, IT CHANGES THE WORLD TO YOUR DESIRE.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I WANT TO BE TALLER I WANT TO BE TALLER I WANT TO BE TALLER!!

TAKE A YOUNG MAN WHO DREAMS OF BEING MUSCULAR, FOR EXAMPLE.
YOU MORON!! DID YOU REALLY THINK SUCH A HALF-ASSED ATTEMPT WOULD WORK!!?
WHY IS NOTHING HAPPENING!!!?
...SILENCE...
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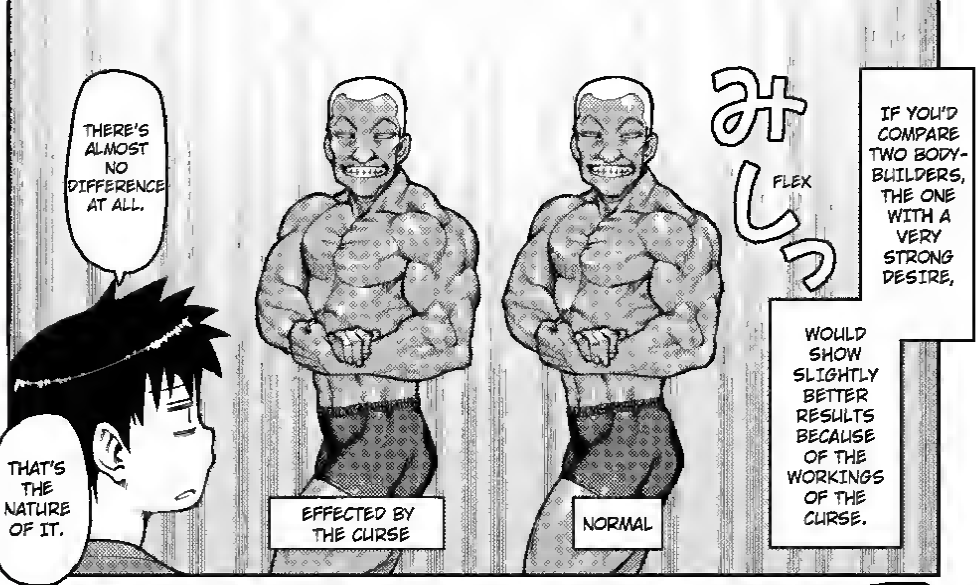
IF YOU'D COMPARE TWO BODY-BUILDERS, THE ONE WITH A VERY STRONG DESIRE,
WOULD SHOW SLIGHTLY BETTER RESULTS BECAUSE OF THE WORKINGS OF THE CURSE.
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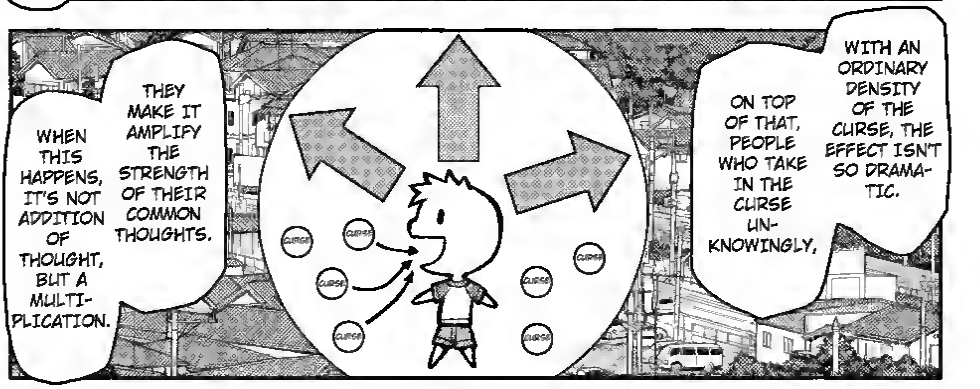
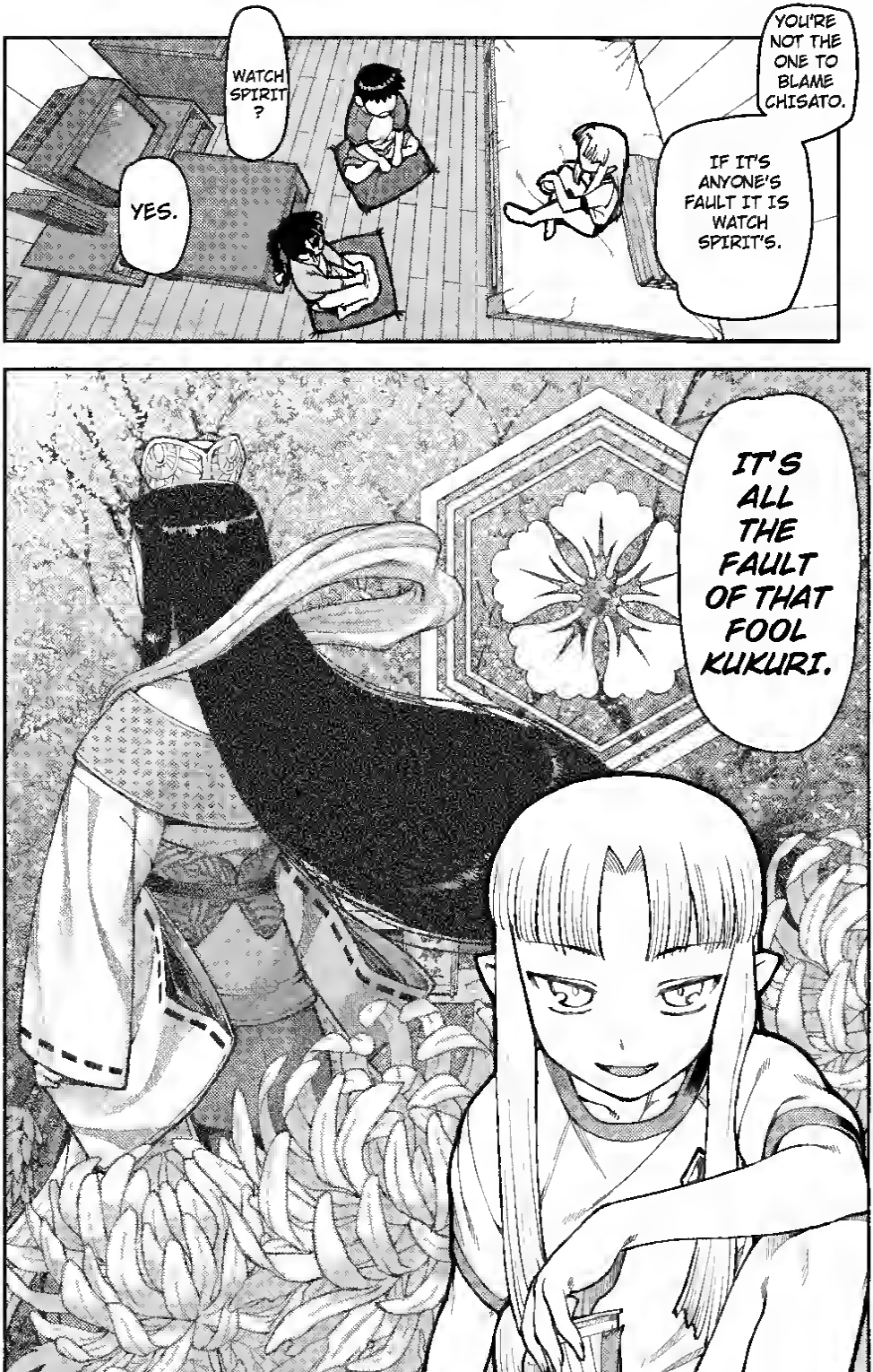
THERE'S ALMOST NO DIFFERENCE AT ALL.
THAT'S THE NATURE OF IT.
EFFECTED BY THE CURSE
NORMAL


WITH AN ORDINARY DENSITY OF THE CURSE, THE EFFECT ISN'T SO DRAMA-TIC.
ON TOP OF THAT, PEOPLE WHO TAKE IN THE CURSE UN-KNOWINGLY,
THEY MAKE IT AMPLIFY THE STRENGTH OF THEIR COMMON THOUGHTS.
WHEN THIS HAPPENS, IT'S NOT ADDITION OF THOUGHT, BUT A MULTI-PLICATION.
CURSE

BECAUSE OF THIS, IT'S EXTREMELY DIFFICULT GO AGAINST THE POWER OF A LARGE GROUP OF PEOPLE WITH A SIMILAR COMMON THOUGHT.
SO IT'S SURPRISING THAT SUCH A HUGE CHANGE COULD OCCUR IN A PEOPLE-DENSE LOCATION LIKE A SCHOOL.
SO COM-PLICA-TED ...

IF SO,
IT MUST MEAN THAT YESTERDAY IN THE LIBRARY, THE DENSITY OF THE CURSE WAS VERY HIGH!
AM I RIGHT ?
RIGHT ON!
YOU'RE REALLY A CLEVER GIRL, CHISATO.
♥
THE CURSE IS AFTER ALL A NATURAL PHENOMENON, SO IT CHANGES LIKE THE WEATHER.
6/28 (土)
CURSE
THERE ARE DENSE DAYS AND SPARSE DAYS.
SO AT ANY TIME, THERE ARE PLACES WHERE THE CURSE IS DENSE, AND PLACES WHERE IT IS SPARSE.
THE KIND OF CURSE FROM WHICH SOMEONE IS POWERFUL AS AMASOGI IS BORN,
USUALLY DOESN'T CONCENTRATE IN A SINGLE PLACE.


YOU'RE NOT THE ONE TO BLAME CHISATO.
IF IT'S ANYONE'S FAULT IT IS WATCH SPIRIT'S.
WATCH SPIRIT ?
YES.
IT'S ALL THE FAULT OF THAT FOOL KUKURI.

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WAHHH
Pancakes
ぐび ぐび ぐび
GLUG GLUG GLUG
THE LAST ONE !
THE LAST ONE !
おおおおお
WOOOOAHHHH
WO-AH !! SHE ATE IT ALL !!!
ぷは。
GASP

PLEASE ACCEPT THIS CAKE-SET AS A PRIZE.
OH, I THANK YOU.
THANK YOU FOR THE MEAL.
I SHALL GO NOW.
PLEASE COME AGAIN!
I SHOULD BE GOING AS W-...
DEAR CUS-TOMER ?

KAZUYA AND CHISATO BUSY WITH STUDY.
KIRIHA BUSY WITH GAMES.
KOKUYO IN GREAT DE-LIGHT.
WHAT A WONDERFUL SOUVENIR FOR KUKURI.
SHIRO DOING THE DISHES.
CLANG CLANG
ガッシャ ガッシャ
GOT IT.
HURRY UP, WILL YA?
AT SHIRA-YAMA SHRINE
SHE'S LATE!

OUTTAKES

KIRIHA, IS THE PRESSURE ALRIGHT?
KIRIHA ?
SHE FELL ASLEEP ...
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EXCITED
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HUMAN PILLOW !
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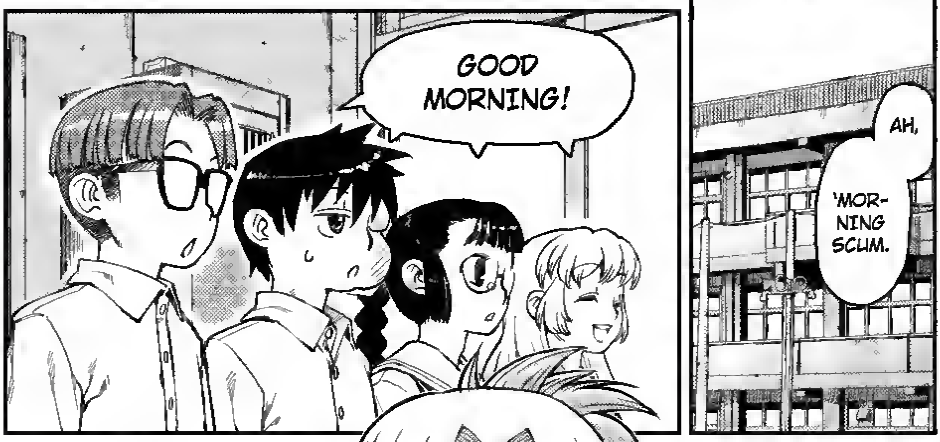
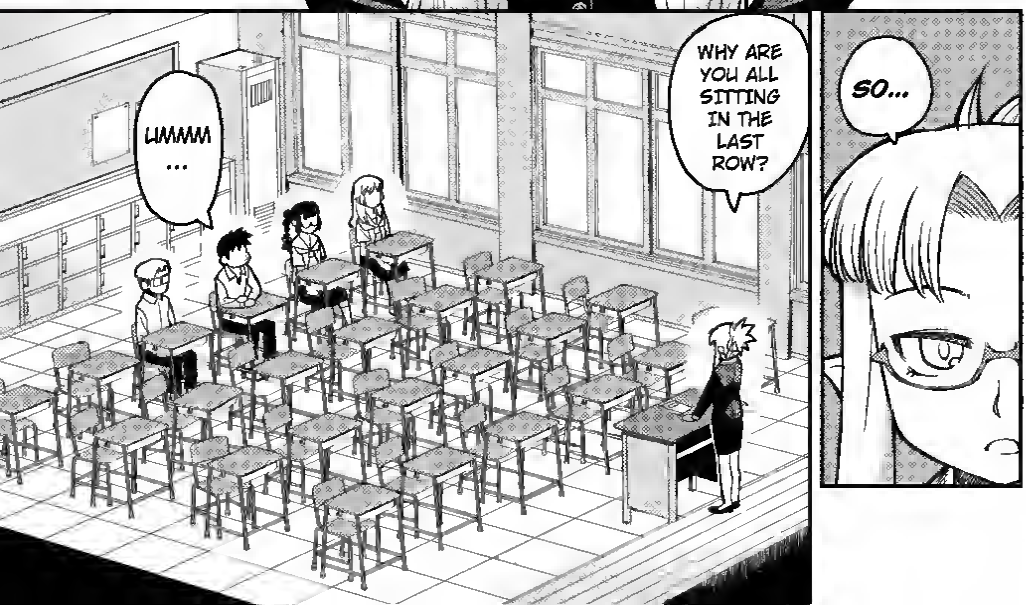
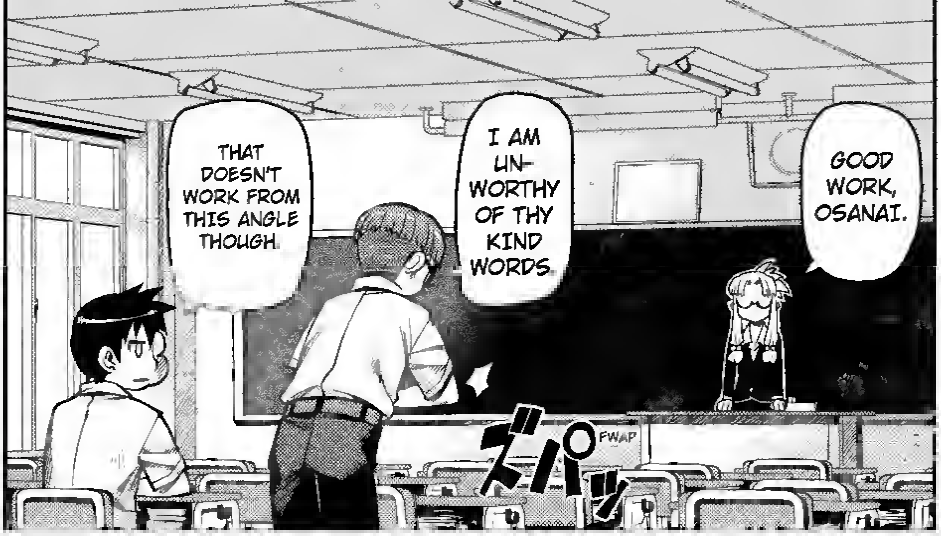
THE FOLLOWING PAGES ARE A PREVIEW TO NEXT VOLUME♪





YOU IDI-OT !!!
ドゴオ
POW
HEAVE-HO
よっこら
WHEN I TRIED TO SIT DOWN AT MY USUAL SEAT, OSAMU-
WHY IS IT SO IMPORTANT?
THAT IS BECAUSE ...
OH MY
YOU WILL SIT HERE !!
バン!
BAM

背景が簡単!!
THE BACKGROUND IS EASIER TO DRAW!
だから


GOOD WORK, OSANAI.
I AM UN-WORTHY OF THY KIND WORDS.
THAT DOESN'T WORK FROM THIS ANGLE THOUGH.
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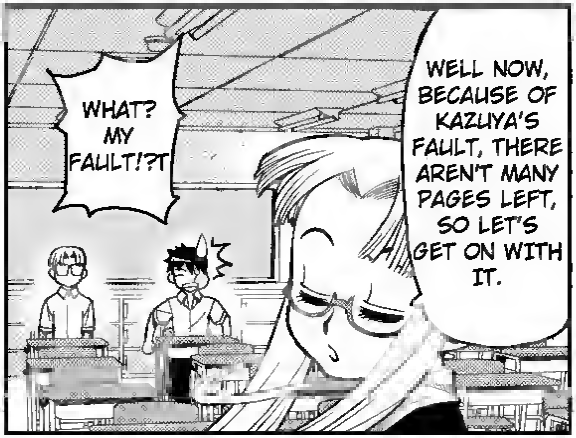
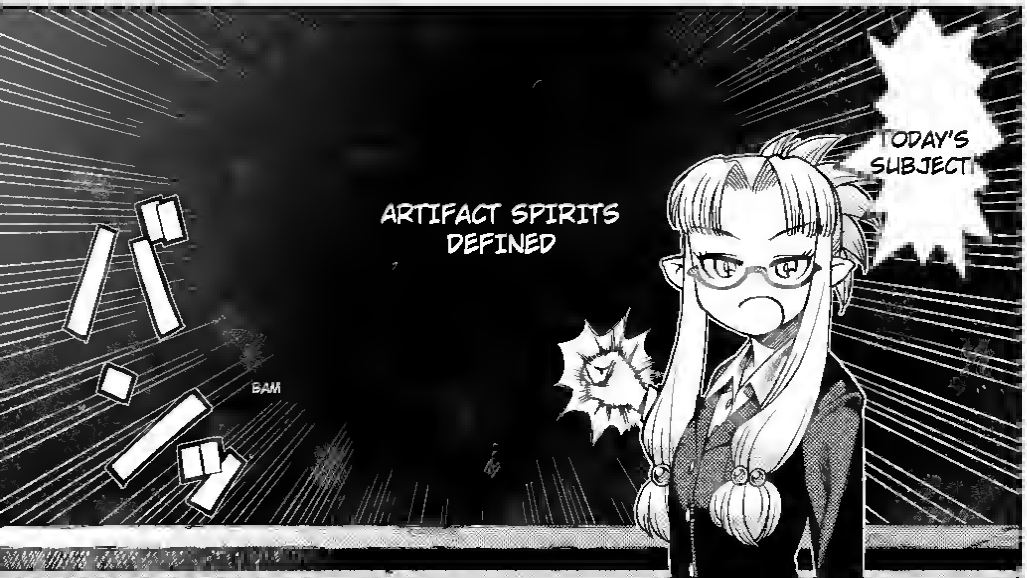
SCRITCH SCRITCH SCRITCH


WELL NOW, BECAUSE OF KAZUYA'S FAULT, THERE AREN'T MANY PAGES LEFT, SO LET'S GET ON WITH IT.
WHAT? MY FAULT!?T


TODAY'S SUBJECT
ARTIFACT SPIRITS DEFINED
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バーン

ANY AND EVERY OBJECT OBTAINS A SOUL LIKE THAT.
WHICH MEANS ...
THEIR OWNER'S EMOTIONS POURING IN, THEIR SOUL IS FORMED.
ARTIFACT SPIRITS ARE TOOLS OR ITEMS THAT HAVE GOTTEN THEIR OWN PERSONALITY AFTER MANY YEARS OF USE.
ANY OBJECT AROUND YOU MAY SOMEDAY TURN INTO AN ARTIFACT SPIRIT.
DEPENDING ON THE EMOTION THAT WAS BOUND IN THE OBJECT, THE NATURE OF THE SPIRIT DIFFERS GREATLY.
THIS MIGHT RESULT IN A MALICIOUS SPIRIT, SO TAKE CARE.
IT WASN'T MUCH OF A PREVIEW, BUT I HOPE YOU ENJOYED READING "TSUGUMOMO" !!
YOU SAY SOMETHING ?
NO, NOTHING !
LOOK FORWARD TO THE NEXT CHAPTER!
MASSAGE MY BACK!
LICK MY FOOT!
MALICIOUS ... ?
JAMS IN
SOMETHING TO DRINK!
RIGHT AWAY.

HUMAN
PILLOW
NEW STYLE

HELLO, THIS IS YOSHIKADU HAMADA.

TSUGUMOMO IS MY FIRST ORIGINAL SERIALIZED MANGA, SO THERE WERE MANY PROBLEMS. IN THE FIRST VOLUME, THE STORY SHOULD HAVE PROGRESSED A LOT BUT I COULD ONLY DO ABOUT HALF OF WHAT I HAD PLANNED, THE DESIGN HAS NOT BEEN FINALIZED, AND I HAVE BEEN MISSING DEADLINES.
EVERY MONTH, I THINK "IF I DO ONE CHAPTER AT A TIME, I WILL JUST ABOUT BE ABLE TO MAKE IT", SO IT FEELS LIKE WITHIN THE BLINK OF AN EYE, THE TANKOUBON (COMPLETE VOLUMES) ARE STARTING TO BE PUBLISHED.
WHEN IT COMES TO THINKING OF THE OVERALL STORY, EVEN I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN NEXT, SO I'M PRETTY WORRIED. MAKING AN ORIGINAL SERIALIZED MANGA IS TOUGH.
BY THE WAY, I NEEDED TO DRAW SOME WOMEN'S UNDERWEAR FOR THE MANGA, SO I WENT TO A DEPARTMENT STORE TO BUY SOME. I EXPLAINED THE SITUATION TO A FEMALE CLERK AND SHE WAS VERY HELPFUL. I WAS SO EMBARRASSED...

ALSO, WHEN I THOUGHT UP THE "HUMAN PILLOW", I THOUGHT IT WAS A GOOD IDEA BUT I WAS DISAPPOINTED TO FIND THAT SUCH A THING ALREADY EXISTED. NEVER MIND.

I TRIED UPLOADING A VIDEO TO A CERTAIN VIDEO WEBSITE, SHOWING THE PROCESS OF DRAWING THE PAGES, FROM THE ROUGH SKETCHES TO THE FINISHED PAGE. THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE INTERESTED CAN TRY SEARCHING

I PLAN TO UPLOAD ONE FOR THE PROCESS OF MAKING THE COVER TOO.
ANOTHER THING IS THAT THIS MANGA IS DRAWN USING AN LCD TABLET, SO THE ENTIRE THING IS DONE DIGITALLY. THIS CAN CUT DOWN ON PRODUCTION TIME AND CAN INCREASE THE DETAIL, BUT CAN MAKE IT SEEM A LITTLE FLAT, SO I HAD TO BE CAREFUL.
I HAD A LOT OF EXPECTATIONS FOR THIS MANGA, BUT I WAS ALSO ANXIOUS AT THE SAME TIME, BECAUSE I WORKED USING A DIGITAL DEVICE AND YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT KIND OF IMPRESSION YOUR WORK WILL CONVEY IN ITS PRINTED VERSION.
WELL, I WILL BE HAPPY IF WE CAN MEET AGAIN IN THE SECOND VOLUME.

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